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# Report on Staff Resources and Secretariat Activities

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<b>Abstract</b>	In accordance with Rule 8.1 (f) and (g) of the SIOFA Rules of Procedure, this document provides an annual report prepared by the Secretariat on its staffing resources and activities from the period between MoP8 and MoP9.

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## Introduction

In accordance with Rule 8.1 (f) and 8 (g) of the SIOFA Rules of Procedure, this document provides an annual report prepared by the Secretariat on its staffing resources and activities from the period between MoP8 and MoP9.

## Updates to the Agreement

### SIOFA's CCPs and signatories

The Contracting Parties to SIOFA are:

- Australia
- People's Republic of China
- Cook Islands
- European Union
- France (on behalf of its Indian Ocean territories)
- Japan
- The Republic of Korea
- Mauritius
- Seychelles
- Thailand

SIOFA's Participating Fishing Entity:

- Chinese Taipei

SIOFA's Cooperating Non-Contracting Party:

- The Union of Comoros

Signatories to the Agreement:

- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Mozambique
- New Zealand

### SIOFA's Observers:

- India
- Somalia
- The Joint Commission of the Mauritius-Seychelles Joint Management Area (JMA)
- The United States of America
- The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO / ABNJ/ RSN / FIRMS)
- The Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC)
- The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)

- The Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, (ACAP)
- Deep-Sea Conservation Coalition (DSCC)
- Southern Indian Ocean Deep-sea Fishers' Association (SIODFA)
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF)

SIOFA Meeting of the Parties and subsidiary bodies chairpersons:

The Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Meeting of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies are outlined in **Table 1**.

**Table 1:** Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of SIOFA

Body	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson
9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties	Roy Clarisse	Raj Kishore Bunjun
6 <sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee	Johnny Louys	Vacant
7 <sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee	Alistair Dunn	Sebastian Rodriguez Alfaro
4 <sup>th</sup> PAEWG	Patrice Pruvost	Vacant
4 <sup>th</sup> SERAWG	Tom Nishida	Vacant

### Secretariat Staff Resources

The Secretariat staff currently consists of an Executive Secretary, a Data Officer (since January 2022), a Science Officer (since February 2022), and an Intern (6-month term, since February 2022).

#### Recruitment of a SIOFA Science Officer

The 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties agreed to the recruitment of a Science Officer to strengthen the capabilities of the Secretariat. Following the SIOFA process for recruitment of staff, the Science Officer commenced his role on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2022 (ref. [Circular 2021/42](#)).

#### Recruitment of a SIOFA Data Officer

The role of Data Manager was replaced with the position of Data Officer. The role of Data Officer commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2022 (ref. [Circular 2021/42](#)).

## Intern Assistant to the Secretariat

An Intern was recruited in December 2021 to work from February 2022-August 2022.

## Secretariat Activities

The main duties of the Secretariat from MoP8 to MoP9 included the daily administrative management (staff management, finance and bookkeeping, etc.), the collection and processing of data, the preparation of data reports, the organisation of meetings, the maintenance of the SIOFA website, liaising with other organisations (such as NGOs, FAO, etc.), attending meetings of neighbouring RFMOs. A detailed breakdown of activities concerning SIOFA's financial management can be found in the Financial Report (MoP-09-INFO-02).

### Data and information technology-related activities:

- Databases management and data-related activities
  - May 2021 data submission processing (templates, emailing, checking, formatting, etc.)
  - Datasets database management
  - Updates to Catch & Effort databases (historical data and yearly data submission)
  - Updates to Observer database (historical data and yearly data submission)
  - Provision of data for the Scientific Committees papers (4 requests), to external consultant for studies (6 studies), for support to CCPs (1 request)
  - Processing and analysis of data for reports and specific tasks
  - Maintenance of the entry-exit notifications database
- Data Audits
  - Management of the Audit on Data and Information system (SEC-2021-05)
  - Management of the Cyber-Security Audit – Physical security (SEC-2021-06)
- Support to meetings and workshops (7 external meetings, 17 internal meetings)
  - Virtual meeting management (Zoom), registration and invitation
  - Documents preparation and management
  - Meeting attendance
- Website administration
  - Backups and Drupal updates
  - Structure and pages updates
  - Meetings addition and document uploads
  - Users' management
- IT activities
  - Secretariat computers setup, software installation (2 new computers)
  - Software subscriptions and account management
  - Hardware and peripherals purchase advice
  - SIOFA Email administration (see also restricted information paper MOP-09-INFO-13)
  - Communication with IT providers

#### Science-related activities:

- Harmonisation of Scientific Observer Programmes (SEC-2021-01);
- Renewal of the contract of the SC Chairperson (SEC-2021-02);
- Joint SIOFA CCAMLR SC Meeting on toothfish data exchanges (SEC-2021-03)
- E-Monitoring Scheme (SEC-2021-04)
- Fisheries Summaries (SEC-2021-07)
- Overview of SIOFA fisheries
- Toothfish Tagging Programme (SEC-2021-08]
- Analysis of CMM 2021-02 (SEC-2021-09)
- Science Officer Recruitment (SEC-2021-10]
- Finalisation on SIOFA Vulnerable Ecosystem mapping (PAE-2020-02)
- Orange Roughy acoustics (SER-2021-01)
- Orange Roughy ageing and growth (SER-2021-02)
- Consultancy on Saya de Malah Bank fisheries (SER-2021-03)
- Updating Orange Roughy Stock Assessment (SER-2021-04)
- Provisional Harvest strategy and RoadMap (SER-2021-05)
- SIOFA Bioregionalisation and VMEs Project (PAE-2021-01)
- Management of seabirds and marine mammal (PAR-2021-02)
- SIOFA bottom fisheries footprint
- EU grants applications and project preparation
- Scientific coordination with other RFMOs and international projects
- Coordination with SC Chairs to provide support for other SC activities

#### Scientific Committee Circulars

A list of all Scientific Committee Circulars that were sent from MoP8-MoP9 is included in **Table 2**. All SC Circulars are available on the SIOFA website at <http://apsoi.org/scientific-committee/sc-circulars>.

**Table 2:** SC Circulars sent from MoP8-MoP9

SC CIRCULAR No.	TITLE	Date
2021-04	SC Meeting Dates for 2022	28/07/2021
2021-05	SIOFA-CCAMLR Workshops	10/08/2021
2021-06	Harmonisation of scientific observers' programmes	10/08/2021
2021-07	Harmonisation of scientific observers' programmes workshop	07/10/2021
2021-08	Monaco Exploration's Indian Ocean exploration project (Saya de Malha Bank)	16/10/2021
2021-09	Harmonisation of Harmonisation of scientific observers' programmes workshop arrangements	20/10/2021
2021-10	Updated workplan of the Scientific Committee	03/11/2021
2021-11	Joint SIOFA-CCAMLR workshop on the exchange of scientific toothfish data	08/11/2021

2022-01	SERAWG4 revised provisional agenda	18/01/2022
2022-02	Invitation to SC7 and provisional draft agenda	19/01/2022
2022-03	Submission of an application to the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)	25/01/2022
2022-04	PAEWG revised provisional agenda	26/01/2022
2022-05	SERAWG working papers	04/02/2022
2022-06	SC7 revised provisional agenda	09/02/2022
2022-07	PAEWG working papers	10/02/2022
2022-08	National Reports	15/02/2022
2022-09	SERAWG information papers	18/02/2022
2022-10	Practical modalities for SERAWG, PAEWG, and SC7	21/02/2022
2022-11	Transparency note and review consultancy report process	23/02/2022
2022-12	SC7 working papers	24/02/2022
2022-13	PAEWG information papers	25/02/2022
2022-14	SC7 information papers	11/03/2022
2022-15	SERAWG and PAEWG reports	14/03/2022
2022-16	Report of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee	04/04/2022
2022-17	SC workplan prioritisation	04/04/2022

#### Preparation of SIOFA Meetings

The Secretariat organised the holding of SIOFA meetings. The details of each meeting are outlined in **Table 3**, including the dates, format, and Chairperson of each meeting.

**Table 3:** Details of SIOFA meetings organised by the Secretariat

Meeting	Dates	Format	Chairperson
Observer harmonisation workshop	27 October 2021	Online (Zoom)	Dr Sebastian Rodriguez
CCAMLR-SIOFA joint workshop on exchange of toothfish data	29 November 2021	Online (Zoom)	Dr Dirk Welsford (CCAMLR SC Chair) and Mr Alistair Dunn (SIOFA SC Chair).
4 <sup>th</sup> Stock and Ecological Risk Assessment Working Group (SERAWG4)	28 February – 4 March 2022	Online	Tom Nishida
4 <sup>th</sup> Protected Areas and Ecosystems Working Group (PAEWG4)	7 – 11 March 2022	Online	Patrice Pruvost

7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC7)	21 – 25 March 2022	Online	Alistair Dunn
6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC6)	29 June – 1 July 2022	Hybrid	Johnny Louys
9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties (MOP9)	4 – 8 July 2022	Hybrid	Roy Clarisse

(i) *SERAWG4, PAEWG4, and SC7*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Stock and Ecological Risk Assessment Working Group, the 4<sup>th</sup> Protected Areas and Ecosystems Working Group and the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Committee were held via video-conference (using the platform ZOOM). Rapporteur services were provided by Alex Meyer (employed by Urban Connections).

In preparation of the meetings, the Secretariat held weekly meetings with the Chairs of the SC, PAEWG, and SERAWG.

(ii) *6<sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee and 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties*

Following the decision that CC6 and MoP9 would be held physically in La Réunion, the Secretariat have prepared the necessary arrangements. This includes:

- Booking a meeting venue
- Arranging discounted hotel rooms for meeting participants
- Renting the necessary audio-visual equipment and services associated
- Preparing the logistics to ensure that virtual attendees can fully participate in the meeting
- Providing support to delegations organising their travel (Provision of visas)
- Official Information to the French Authority (Prefecture)

#### SIOFA IUU Vessel List

(i) *IUU List Adopted during MoP8*

The Secretariat ensured the publicity of the IUU vessel list, in a manner consistent with any applicable confidentiality measures. As such, the SIOFA IUU Vessel List, which was adopted at the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties was published on the SIOFA website on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 (ref. Circular 2021/25).

(ii) *Draft IUU List*

In line with CMM 2018/06, and on the basis of evidence received pursuant to paragraph 2 of CMM 2018/06, the Secretariat prepared the Draft SIOFA IUU Vessel List, which was transmitted with the current IUU Vessel List, and all supporting evidence to all CCPs and to

Non-Contracting Parties with vessels on the list on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 (via Circular 2022/21).

The Secretariat requested that all comments related to the Draft IUU List be transmitted to the Secretariat by Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2022. It was stated that all comments must be accompanied by verifiable evidence and other supporting information, showing that the vessels included on the Draft IUU vessel have neither operated in contravention of SIOFA CMMs nor had the possibility of engaging in fishing for fishery resources in the Agreement Area.

By the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, no comments were received by the Secretariat, and so the Draft IUU List was not amended. The list is to be re-circulated, with the current IUU vessel list, on the 13 June 2022.

*(iii) Cross-listing of IUU vessels from other organisations*

Upon receipt of the final IUU vessel lists established by other organisations, the Secretariat circulated all information to CCPs for the purpose of amending the SIOFA IUU Vessel List during the intersessional period through Circulars, the details of which are as follows:

- *Circular 2021/37* (updates to CCAMLR IUU Vessel List): Transmitted on 03/11/2021. Resulted in the inclusion of the *EL SHADDAI*.
- *Circular 2022/02* (NEAFC, GFMCC, ICCAT IUU Vessel Lists). Transmitted on 14/01/2022. Resulted in adding HALIFAX, ISRAR 1, ISRAR 2, ISRAR 3, and removing EROS DOS.
- *Circular 2022/12* (updating ICCAT IUU vessel lists). Transmitted on 24/04/2022. Resulted in deleting 101 GLORIA and MARIO 101.

*(iv) Communication with Flag State authorities*

The Secretariat made contact with the Sri Lankan authorities regarding the vessels on the Draft IUU List. Full details of the communication have been made available on the SIOFA website at <http://apsoi.org/meetings/mop9> (with restricted access).

Attending meetings of other organisations

The Secretariat have also attended the meetings of other organisations, the details of which are outlined below in **Table 4**. Upcoming meetings have also been included.

**Table 4:** Meetings attended by the SIOFA Secretariat, and upcoming meetings the Secretariat is scheduled to attend

Meeting Title	Host Organisation	Dates	Format
40 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission	CCAMLR	18 – 29 October 2021	Online



26 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission	IOTC	16 – 20 May 2022	Online
SPRFMO Bottom Fishing Intersessional Work Group	SPRFMO	16 May 2022	Online
Technical Consultation on Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment	FAO	30 May – 3 June, 2022	Online
18 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee on Fish-Trade	FAO COFI	7 – 9 June, 20 June, 2022	Online
Regional Consultation on the Development of a Coordination Framework between Regional Fishery Bodies in the Indian Ocean	FAO Regional Seas Network	22 – 24 June 2022	In person (Maputo, Mozambique)

(i) *40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission (CCAMLR)*

*Key topics relevant for SIOFA:*

Updates to CCAMLR's IUU List, and adoption of the 2021/22 NCP-IUU Vessel List  
Adoption of the 2021/22 CP-IUU Vessel List, with the South African-flagged vessel *El Shaddai* included, vessel had previously fished without authorisation in the SIOFA Area in 2019.

(ii) *26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission*

*Key topics relevant for SIOFA:*

Updates to IOTC's IUU list. Discussions on the Memorandum of Understanding between IOTC and SIOFA, which was endorsed by the IOTC Commission. The MoU is submitted as a working paper to the SIOFA MoP (MOP-09-22). The Secretariat noted one CCP raised concern over the transition from a letter of intention into a more restrictive MoU. Additionally, the running of the meeting through a hybrid format offered insights into the logistics and technical requirements of hosting CC6 and MoP9 in a similar format.

(iii) *SPRFMO Bottom Fishing Intersessional Work Group*

This intersessional work group is convened by SPRFMO and groups representatives from Members (New Zealand, Australia, the EU and the Cook Islands) and Observers (eNGOs, fishing industry). The work group discusses the bottom fishing management strategy in SPRFMO, including the spatial management regime and the VMEs protection levels that could be considered sufficient to prevent SAIs.

*Key topics relevant for SIOFA:*

SIOFA's interest lies mainly in observing the process and its outcomes, to inform future work on similar themes in the SIOFA Agreement Area.

(iv) *Technical Consultation on Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment*

*Meeting Details and relevance to SIOFA:*

Consideration and review of the FAO's 'draft Voluntary Guidelines for the Regulation, Monitoring and Control of Transshipment'. The objective of these Guidelines, and of the subsequent meeting, is to provide assistance to States, Regional Fisheries Management Organisations or Arrangements (RFMO/As), regional economic integration organisations and other intergovernmental organisations, when developing new transshipment regulations, revising existing regulations and integrating these within the broader regulatory framework. The Voluntary Guidelines will constitute a valuable supplement to other international instruments to combat IUU fishing, in particular Port State Measures

(v) *18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee on Fish-Trade*

A forum for consultations on technical and economic aspects of international trade in fish and fishery products including pertinent aspects of production and consumption.

*Key discussion topics of relevance for SIOFA:*

- Discussion of suitable measures to promote international trade in fish and fishery products and formulation of recommendations to improve the participation of developing countries in this trade
- In conjunction with the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission, formulation of recommendations for the promotion of international quality standards on the harmonisation of quality control, and inspection procedures and regulations

(vi) *Regional Consultation on the Development of a Coordination Framework between Regional Fishery Bodies in the Indian Ocean*

FAO RSN and Fisheries and Aquaculture Division organises this meeting with the support of FAO Mozambique, and the Government of Mozambique. The meeting will gather regional fisheries bodies that work in the Indian Ocean, such as IOTC, CCSBT, RECOFI, SIOFA, IWC, BOBP-IGO, SWIOFC with the SWIOFC Secretariat.

*Meeting aims and relevance for SIOFA:*

- Promote collaboration and cooperation among RFBs in the Indian Ocean
- Aims to preliminarily identify areas for improved cooperation/coordination among RFBs, consistent with COFI's recommendations

It is worth noting that the costs of attending, including flights and accommodation, were covered by the host organisation.

## SIOFA Circulars

The following Circulars were used to transmit information to SIOFA Official Contacts (**Table 5**). Circulars may be accessed through the internal communication section of the SIOFA website (<http://apsoi.org/internal-communication>). You must log in to access this section.

**Table 5:** List of all Circulars transmitted to SIOFA Official Contacts between MoP8 and MoP9.

CIRCULAR No.	SUBJECT	Date
2021-22	Final circulation of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties Report with its annexes	19/07/2021
2021-23	Intersessional Decision 2021-V: Adoption of the report of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the SIOFA, and new Chairperson	23/07/2021
2021-24	Intersessional Decision 2021 V: Adoption of the Report of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Southern Ocean Fisheries Agreement	26/07/2021
2021/25	SIOFA Draft IUU List	27/07/2021
2021/26	Letter from the MOP Chairperson concerning the Terms of Reference for the conduct of an independent audit of SIOFA's data security systems and protocols in relation to databases (Intersessional Decision 2021-VI)	06/08/2021
2021/27	Recruitment process for a SIOFA Science Officer	06/08/2021
2021/28	Outcome of the SIOFA editing process concerning the CMMs revised during the MoP8	09/08/2021
2021/29	Response to the Sri Lanka authorities regarding the FV Abishak	12/08/2021
2021/30	Request from Area Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ) Deep-Sea Fisheries (DSF) project (cofinancing letter)	16/08/2021
2021/31	Cancellation of intersessional decision 2021-VI	17/08/2021
2021/32	Recruitment process for a SIOFA Data Officer	24/09/2021
2021/33	Process to respond to ABNJ Deep-Sea-Fisheries (DSF) project cofinancing letter	18/10/2021
2021/34	Letter from the MoP Chairperson, concerning the extension of the derogation for CMM 2020/01, para 39 (a) (Intersessional Decision 2021-VII)	29/10/2021
2021/35	Implementation of the Williams Ridge fishery in the 2021/22 fishing season	02/11/2021
2021/36	Method of supply of tags and tagging equipment for all tagging operations carried out in the SIOFA Area	02/11/2021
2021/37	Changes to the SIOFA cross-list of IUU vessels following updates from other organisations (new CCAMLR IUU Vessel List)	03/11/2021
2021/38	Information letter on a transfer of quota in Del Cano Rise area	12/11/2021
2021/39	Information letter on a transfer of quota in Del Cano Rise area between France (OT) and EU	16/11/2021
2021/40	Outcome of the intersessional decision 2021-VII to extend the suspension of observer coverage as per CMM 2019-01 para 39a	01/12/2021

2021/41	Initiating an intersessional decision 2021-VII concerning the co-financing	06/12/2021
2021/42	Outcome of SIOFA Staff Recruitment	15/12/2021
2022/01	Outcome of the Intersessional Decision 2022-VIII about the response to FAO, concerning the cofinancing for the ABNJ DSF project	13/01/2022
2022/02	Changes to the SIOFA cross-list of IUU vessels following updates from other organisations (updating of NEAFC, GFMC, ICCAT IUU vessel lists)	14/01/2022
2022/03	Updating of the summary checklist of obligations	21/01/2022
2022/04	Submission of an application to the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)	25/01/2022
2022/05	Compliance Assessment Procedure: Updating of the CCPs Compliance Report template	25/01/2022
2022/06	Letter from the MoP Chairperson, concerning the extension of derogation for CMM 2020/01 para 39 (a) (intersessional decision 2022-I)	28/02/2022
2022/07	Compliance Assessment Procedure: Updating the CCPs Compliance Report template	10/03/2022
2022/08	Letter from the MoP Chairperson proposing an informal meeting to discuss the holding of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee and 9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties	11/03/2022
2022/09	Letter from the Joint Commission of the extended continental shelf Mascarene Plateau region	23/03/2022
2022/10	Provisional Agenda for the informal meeting of the Heads of Delegation	28/03/2022
2022/11	Outcome of Intersessional Decision 2022-I on the extension of the derogation for CMM 2020/02 para 39 (a)	29/03/2022
2022/12	Changes to the SIOFA cross-list of IUU vessels following updates from other organisations (updating ICCAT IUU vessel list)	24/04/2022
2022/13	Letter from the Chairperson of the MoP regarding the arrangements for the upcoming Compliance Committee (CC6) and Meeting of the Parties (MoP9)	21/04/2022
2022/14	Precautionary measures for the payment of contributions to SIOFA (erases and replaces Circular 2020-12)	29/04/2022
2022/15.rev1	Invitation to attend SIOFA's 6 <sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee (CC6)	03/05/2022
2022/16	Arrangements for holding the 6 <sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee and 9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties	05/05/2022
2022/17	Application from India for Cooperating Non-Contracting Party status	03/05/2022
2022/18	SIOFA draft budget for 2023	04/05/2022
2022/19	Request for Observer status from the Joint Commission of the Seychelles-Mauritius Joint Management Area	04/05/2022
2022/20	Invitation to attend SIOFA's 9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties	05/05/2022
2022/21	Draft SIOFA IUU List	05/05/2022
2022/22	Clarification required by the Executive Secretary on the use of budget Items 4.4 and 6.1 of the SIOFA 2022 Budget (intersessional decision 2022-II)	10/05/2022
2022/23	Revised provisional agenda and timetable for CC6	20/05/2022

2022/24	Draft provisional agenda for the informal meeting of the Heads of Delegation scheduled for the 25 <sup>th</sup> of May 2022	23/05/2022
2022/25	Revised provisional agenda and timetable for MoP9	25/05/2022
2022/26	Outcome of Intersessional Decision 2022-II	31/05/2022
2022/27	Availability of Working papers for CC6	04/06/2022
2022/28	Observer request from the Indian Ocean Commission	08/06/2022
2022/29	SIOFA Draft IUU List	09/06/2022
2022/30	Draft Compliance Report and the availability of proposals and working documents for MoP9	09/06/2022
2022/31	Letter from the Government of the Republic of Mauritius	13/06/2022

## Intersessional Decisions

### (i) *Development of a standardised template for reporting on intersessional decisions*

During MoP8, The European Union requested that the Secretariat develop a standardised template for the reporting of intersessional decisions, including information on how many CCPs took part in a decision, an aggregation of CCPs' replies, and the outcome of the decision. (ref. MoP8 Report para 22). The Secretariat prepared the template, which is presented in MoP-09-03.

### (ii) *Intersessional Decisions between MoP8 and MoP9*

Six intersessional decisions were proposed between MoP8 and MoP9. The full details of these decisions are outlined in MOP-09-04. **Table 6** provides a summary of the outcomes of all decisions taken between MoP8 and MoP9.

**Table 6:** Summary of Outcomes of Intersessional Decisions from MoP8-MoP9

ID No.	Subject	Status	No. CCPs in favour	No. CCPs against	No. abstentions	Outcome
2021-V	Adoption of MoP8 report	Substantive	9	0	2	Passed
2021-VI	Terms of Reference for the conduct of an independent of SIOFA's data security systems and protocols in relation to the databases	Substantive	-	-	-	Cancelled
2021-VII	The extension of the derogation for CMM 2020/01, para 39 (a)	Substantive	9	0	2	Passed
2021-VIII	Response to ABNJ Deep-Sea-Fisheries	Substantive	9	0	2	Passed

	(DSF) project on Co-financing Letter					
2022-I	The extension of the derogation for CMM 2020/01, para 39 (a)	Substantive	10	0	1	Passed
2022-II	Request for clarification on the provision of financial support to meeting participants for CC6 and MoP9	Substantive	11	0	0	Passed

#### Preparation of the mid-year budget tracking paper, with actual expenditure

As requested during MoP8 (ref. MoP8 Report para 193), the Secretariat prepared a mid-year budget tracking paper with the actual expenditure (MoP-09-INFO-11).

#### Development of a SIOFA Secretariat Long-term plan for the structured development of the Secretariat's capabilities

During MoP8, the Meeting of the Parties requested the Secretariat to prepare a long-term plan for the structured development of the Secretariat's capabilities, which would cover the subsequent two to five years and would be updated each year, for the annual discussions of the budget by the Meeting of the Parties. The plan should also include additional resourcing options from potential funding partners such as FAO (ref MoP8 Report para 194). The Secretariat prepared this document for MoP9 (MoP-09-05).

#### New premises for the SIOFA Secretariat

As requested during MoP8, The Meeting of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to start working with the host country to identify new premises for the SIOFA Secretariat and provide information in that regard to the ninth Meeting of the Parties (ref. MoP8 Report para 195).

The Executive Secretary has prepared an info paper (MoP-09-INFO-04) which provides an update on the relocation of the SIOFA office. The Secretariat are working with the French Authorities to locate suitable premises and have already visited several potential sites. However, none of these sites are available at present, and updates from the French authorities have indicated that they are expected to remain unavailable until 2024. The Secretariat has also explored the possibility of private office rental. The current office has the capacity to support a maximum of 4 persons.

