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Proposal to establish a SIOFA high seas boarding and inspection regime

Relates to agenda item: CC 4.2 / MoP 9 Proposal ☒ Other Document ☐ Info Paper ☐

Delegation of Australia

Abstract

Australia welcomes the opportunity to present a proposal for a SIOFA high seas boarding and inspection regime.

Adoption of a comprehensive, contemporary and forward-looking high seas boarding and inspection regime is an important component of effective monitoring, control and surveillance. Article 6(1)(h) of the Agreement calls on the Meeting of the Parties to develop rules and procedures for the monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing activities in order to ensure compliance with CMMs including, where appropriate, rules concerning the boarding and inspection of vessels operating in the Agreement Area. This high seas boarding and inspection proposal is intended to meet this requirements of Article 6(1)(h) and to strengthen SIOFA's regulatory regime.

This proposal has been adapted from WCPFC's high seas boarding and inspection procedures (CMM 2006-08), including in relation to how the measure would apply to Contracting Parties, CNCPs and fishing entities (paragraphs 5 and 6). It seeks to integrate relevant Articles of the Agreement in relation to Contracting Party and flag State duties in the event of an alleged serious violation in a concise and practical format (paragraph 36).

The proposed measure requires the Executive Secretary to establish and maintain a register of Authorised Inspection Vessels and Authorised Inspectors (paragraph 10) and by 2021 to establish a catalogue of relevant inspections activities that have been undertaken pursuant to the measure (paragraph 47). We also note that it contains areas requiring future action by the Meeting of Parties – in relation to the development of a SIOFA inspection flag (paragraph 16), and a questionnaire to be used by inspectors to be translated into relevant languages (paragraph 19).

Recommendations *(proposals only)*

1. That the Meeting of the Parties adopt the proposal by Australia

CMM 2018/XX

Conservation and Management Measure for High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures for the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures)

Proposal by Australia

The Meeting of the Parties to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement;

RECOGNISING that effective management of fishing vessels in the SIOFA Area of Application (Agreement Area) relies upon a number of monitoring, control and surveillance activities to be undertaken by Contracting Parties, cooperating and participating Parties and fishing entities (CCPs);

FURTHER RECOGNISING that the boarding and inspection of fishing vessels requires procedures to be formalised so that all boarding and inspection activities are carried out in a safe, consistent and transparent manner;

RECALLING Articles 21 and 22 of the 1995 Agreement which give direction to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and arrangements (RFMOs) to establish procedures for boarding and inspection in the high seas areas covered by RFMOs;

RECALLING ALSO the obligations in Article 6(1)(h) of the Agreement for the Meeting of the Parties to develop rules and procedures for the monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing activities in order to ensure compliance with conservation and management measures (CMMs) including where appropriate rules concerning the boarding and inspection of vessels operating in the Agreement Area;

MINDFUL that Article 6(1)(i) requires the Meeting of the Parties to develop and monitor measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing;

RECALLING the commitments to be given by Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCs) to abide by CMMs in Rule 17(4)(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties;

CERTAIN that a specific SIOFA measure relating to at sea inspection of vessels in the Agreement Area will greatly assist in furthering the objective of the Agreement;

ADOPTS the following CMM in accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement:

1. The following procedures are established by the Meeting of the Parties, in accordance with Article 6(1)(h) of its Agreement, to govern high seas boarding and inspection of fishing vessels in the Agreement Area.

Definitions

2. For the purposes of interpreting and implementing these procedures, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. 'Authorities of the Inspection Vessel' means the authorities of the Contracting Party under whose jurisdiction the inspection vessel is operating;
- b. 'Authorities of the Fishing Vessel' means the authorities of the CCP under whose jurisdiction the fishing vessel is operating;

- c. 'Authorised Inspection Vessel' means any vessel included in the SIOFA register of Authorised Inspection Vessels and Authorised Inspectors established under paragraph 10 and authorised to engage in boarding and inspection activities pursuant to these procedures; and
- d. 'Authorised Inspector' means an inspector designated by the authorities of a CCP responsible for boarding and inspection, included in the SIOFA register and assigned to conduct boarding and inspection activities pursuant to this CCM.

Purpose

- 3. Boarding and inspection conducted pursuant to this CMM shall be for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Agreement and the CMMs adopted by the Meeting of the Parties and in force.

Area of application

- 4. This measure shall apply throughout the Agreement Area.

General provisions

- 5. Each Contracting Party may, subject to these procedures, carry out boarding and inspection in the Agreement Area of fishing vessels flying the flag of a Contracting Party or CNCP that is engaged in or suspected to have engaged in fishing as defined in Article 1(g) of the Agreement
- 6. This measure shall also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, as between a Contracting Party and a participating fishing entity, subject to a notification to that effect to the Meeting of Parties from the Contracting Party concerned.
- 7. Each CCP shall provide to vessels flying its flag a copy of this measure and ensure that vessels flying its flag accept boarding and inspection by Authorised Inspectors in accordance with these procedures.
- 8. Contracting Parties shall ensure that Authorised Inspectors comply with this measure in the conduct of any boarding and inspection activities undertaken under these procedures.

Participation

- 9. Each Contracting Party that intends to carry out boarding and inspection activities under this measure shall notify the Executive Secretary of this intention, and shall provide the following:
 - a. with respect to each Authorised Inspection Vessel under these procedures:
 - (i) details of the vessel (name, description, photograph, registration number, port of registry (and, if different from the port of registry, port marked on the vessel hull), international radio call sign), except where not applicable for military vessels;
 - (ii) notification that the inspection vessel is clearly marked and identifiable as being on government service and by clearly flying a SIOFA inspection flag, if established by the Meeting of the Parties;
 - b. with respect to Authorised Inspectors it designates pursuant to these procedures:

- (i) the name(s) of the authorities responsible for boarding and inspection;
- (ii) an example of the credentials issued to its Authorised Inspectors;
- (iii) notification that such Authorised Inspectors are fully familiar with the species and fishing activities to be inspected and the relevant provisions of the Agreement and CMMs in force; and
- (iv) notification that the Authorised Inspectors have received and completed training to safely carry out boarding and inspection activities at sea.

10. The Executive Secretary shall establish and maintain a register of all Authorised Inspection Vessels and Authorised Inspectors. Only vessels and inspectors listed on this SIOFA register are authorised under this measure to board and inspect foreign-flagged fishing vessels within the Agreement Area.

11. Authorised Inspectors shall be nationals of the Contracting Party which designates them and, to the extent possible under international law, shall be subject solely to the jurisdiction of that Contracting Party while carrying out activities under this CMM.

12. Where military vessels are used for conducting boarding and inspection under this measure, the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel shall ensure that the boarding and inspection is safely carried out by inspectors fully trained in fisheries enforcement procedures and duly authorised for this purpose under national laws, and that boardings from such military vessels by Authorised Inspectors conform to the procedures contained within this measure.

13. Authorised Inspection Vessels and Authorised Inspectors notified by Contracting Parties pursuant to paragraph 9 shall be included on the SIOFA register established in paragraph 10 once the Executive Secretary confirms that the notification meets the requirements of paragraph 9.

14. To enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of these boarding and inspection procedures, and to maximise the use of trained Authorised Inspectors, Contracting Parties may identify opportunities to place Authorised Inspectors on the Authorised Inspection Vessels of another Contracting Party and/or to undertake joint training or develop information sharing mechanisms. Where appropriate, Contracting Parties should seek to conclude bilateral or multilateral arrangements in relation to these activities or otherwise facilitate communication and coordination between them for the purpose of implementing this measure.

15. The Executive Secretary shall ensure that the register of Authorised Inspection Vessels and Authorised Inspectors is at all times current and available to all CCPs through posting on the SIOFA website without delay.

Procedures

16. The Meeting of the Parties shall develop a SIOFA inspection flag in the intersessional period following the 5th Meeting of the Meeting of the Parties. Once the Meeting of the Parties has decided on a the SIOFA inspection flag for use in accordance with this CMM, this flag shall be flown by Authorised Inspection Vessels, in clearly visible fashion, when carrying out activities under this CMM.

17. Authorised Inspectors shall carry an approved identity card identifying the inspector as authorised to carry out boarding and inspection in accordance with these procedures.

18. An Authorised Inspection Vessel that intends to board and inspect a fishing vessel in the Agreement Area that is engaged in or suspected to have engaged in fishing as defined in Article 1(g) of the Agreement shall, prior to initiating the boarding and inspection:

- a. make best efforts to establish contact with the fishing vessel by radio, by the appropriate International Code of Signals or by other accepted means of alerting the vessel;
- b. provide the following information to identify itself as an Authorised Inspection Vessel - name, registration number, international radio call sign, Authority of the Inspection Vessel, and contact frequency;
- c. communicate to the master of the vessel its intention to board and inspect the vessel pursuant to this measure; and
- d. initiate notice through the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel of the boarding and inspection to the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel.

19. In carrying out boarding and inspection pursuant to this measure, Authorised Inspectors shall make their best efforts to communicate with the master of the fishing vessel(s) in a manner that the master can understand. In order to facilitate communications between the Authorised Inspectors and the master of the vessel wherever possible, the Meeting of the Parties shall develop a standardised questionnaire during the intersessional period following the 5th Meeting of the Parties, which once adopted shall be translated into multiple languages and circulated to all Contracting Parties with Authorised Inspection Vessels.

20. Authorised Inspectors shall have the authority to inspect and record information on the fishing vessel, its license, gear, equipment, catch and production records, facilities, fishery resources and any other documents which may be relevant to verifying compliance with the CMMs in force and the Agreement.

21. The number of Authorised Inspectors assigned to an inspection party by the Authorised Inspection Vessel may be determined by the commanding officer of the Authorised Inspection Vessel taking into account relevant circumstances. The inspection party shall only contain the number of Authorised Inspectors necessary to conduct an effective inspection safely and securely.

22. Boarding and inspection under this measure shall be conducted in a manner:

- a. so as to avoid risks to the safety of fishing vessels and crew;
- b. that does not unduly interfere with the lawful operation of the fishing vessel;
- c. that avoids actions that will adversely affect the quality of the catch; and
- d. that does not harass the officers, crew, or observers of the fishing vessel.

23. In the conduct of a boarding and inspection, each Authorised Inspector shall:

- a. present their identity card to the master of the vessel;

- b. not interfere with the master's ability to communicate with the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel;
- c. collect and clearly document any evidence they believe indicates a violation of CMMs or the Agreement;
- d. provide to the master prior to leaving the vessel a copy of an interim report on the boarding and inspection including any objection or statement which the master wishes to include in the interim report; and
- e. complete the inspection within four hours of boarding unless evidence of a serious violation is found, or where a longer time period is required to monitor ongoing fishing operations and obtain related documentation issued by the master.

24. During the conduct of a boarding and inspection, each CCP shall require that the master and crew of any fishing vessel flying its flag shall:

- a. avoid risks to the safety of Authorised Inspection Vessels and Authorised Inspectors;
- b. accept and facilitate prompt and safe boarding by the Authorised Inspectors when directed or when intention to board and inspect has been communicated;
- c. cooperate with and assist in the safe inspection of the vessel pursuant to these procedures;
- d. not assault, resist, intimidate, interfere with, or obstruct or delay the Authorised Inspectors in the performance of their duties;
- e. allow the Authorised Inspectors to promptly communicate with the crew of the Authorised Inspection Vessel, the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel, any observers on the fishing vessel, as well as with the crew and Authorities of the Fishing Vessel when directed;
- f. take such action as may be necessary to preserve the integrity of any seal affixed by the inspectors and of any evidence remaining on board, until otherwise directed by the flag CCP;
- g. to secure the continuity of evidence, where seals have been affixed and/or evidence has been secured, sign¹ the appropriate section of the inspection report acknowledging the placement of seals;
- h. when requested to cease fishing, not resuming fishing until:
 - i. the Authorised Inspectors have completed the inspection and secured any evidence, and
 - ii. the master has signed the appropriate section of the inspection report as referred to in Annex 1)
- i. provide the Authorised Inspectors onboard with reasonable facilities, including, where appropriate, food, water, medical assistance, and accommodation; and
- j. facilitate safe and prompt disembarkation by the Authorised Inspectors when directed.

¹ In this measure a signature includes an electronic signature.

25. If the master or crew of a fishing vessel refuses to allow an Authorised Inspector to carry out a boarding and inspection in accordance with this measure, this person shall offer an explanation of the reason for refusing. Contracting Parties shall ensure that Authorities of the Inspection Vessel immediately notify the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel, as well as the Executive Secretary, of the master's refusal and the explanation offered.

26. Except where generally accepted international regulations, procedures and practices relating to safety at sea make it necessary to delay the boarding and inspection, CCPs shall require the master of a fishing vessel flying its flag to accept the boarding and inspection. If the master does not comply with such direction, the relevant CCP shall suspend the vessel's authorisation to fish and order the vessel to return immediately to port. The CCP shall immediately notify the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel and the Executive Secretary of the action it has taken in these circumstances.

Use of force

27. The use of force shall be avoided except when and to the degree necessary (a) to ensure the safety of the Authorised Inspectors; and (b) where the Authorised Inspectors are assaulted or obstructed in the execution of their duties. The degree of force used shall not exceed that reasonably required under the circumstances.

28. Contracting Parties shall ensure that any incident involving the use of force in relation to boarding and inspection under this measure shall be immediately reported to the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel, the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel, as well as to the Executive Secretary for circulation to the Meeting of the Parties.

Inspection reports

29. Authorised Inspectors shall be required to prepare a full report on each boarding and inspection they carry out under this measure, including any supporting information, using the Boarding and Inspection Reporting Form at Annex 1. The Authorities of the Inspection Vessel from which the boarding and inspection was carried out shall transmit a copy of the boarding and inspection report to the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel of the inspected vessel, as well as the Executive Secretary, within 3 (three) working days of the completion of the boarding and inspection. Where it is not technically possible for the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel to provide this report to the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel within this timeframe, the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel shall inform the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel and shall specify the time period within which the report will be provided.

30. The report shall include the name(s) and authority of the Authorised Inspector(s) and clearly identify any observed activity or condition that the Authorised Inspectors believe to be a violation of the Agreement or CMMs in force and indicate specific factual evidence relating to each alleged violation, including the master's signature to ensure continuity of evidence.

Serious violations

31. Where Authorised Inspectors observe an activity or condition of a fishing vessel that may constitute a serious violation within the meaning of paragraph 37 (alleged serious violation), Contracting Parties shall ensure that the Authorities of the Inspection Vessels immediately notify the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel, directly and through the Executive Secretary.

32. Upon receipt of a notification of an alleged serious violation in accordance with paragraph 31, CCPs shall ensure that the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel provide an initial response to the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel and Executive Secretary for circulation to the Meeting of Parties without delay and in any case no later than within 3 (three) full working days:

- a. notifying that the Authorities of the Fishing Vessels will investigate the alleged serious violation; or
- b. authorising the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel to undertake the investigation of the alleged serious violation.

33. In the case of paragraph 32(a) above, CCPs shall ensure that the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel provide, as soon as practicable, the specific evidence collected by the Authorised Inspectors to the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel.

34. The Authorities of the Fishing Vessel shall provide a report of the investigation to the Executive Secretary and Authorities of the Inspection Vessel within 2 (two) months of the notification in paragraph 31, and if the evidence warrants, take enforcement action against the fishing vessel in question and notify the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel, as well as the Executive Secretary of any such enforcement action within 6 (six) months of the date of notification at paragraph 31. The Executive Secretary shall circulate any report of an investigation by the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel and any notification of enforcement action against the fishing vessel to the Meeting of the Parties.

35. In the case of paragraph 32(b) above, if the Authorities of the Inspection Vessel decide to undertake an investigation, CCPs shall ensure that the specific evidence collected by the Authorised Inspectors, along with the results of any investigation, is provided to the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel and the Executive Secretary immediately upon completion of the investigation and in any case no later than 6 months after the date of the inspection. The Executive Secretary shall circulate the results of any investigation to the Meeting of the Parties.

36. Notwithstanding paragraphs 32-35, any Contracting Party may request the relevant authorities of a CCP investigate an alleged serious violation within the meaning of paragraph 37. Consistent with obligations in Articles 10(4) and 11(3) of the Agreement, the Contracting Party making such a request shall include all relevant information in relation to the alleged serious violation to the relevant authorities of the fishing vessel or nationals in the request. When such a request is made, CCPs shall provide a reply, including details of any action taken or proposed to be taken in relation to the alleged serious violation, to all Contracting Parties as soon as practicable and in any case within two (2) months of such a request. When the investigation is completed, the relevant CCP shall also provide a report on the outcome of the investigation to the Executive Secretary for circulation to the Meeting of the Parties.

37. For the purposes of this measure, a serious violation includes the following violations of the provisions of the Agreement or CMMs:

- a. fishing without a valid license, permit or authorisation issued by the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the Agreement, or failure to produce a valid license, permit or authorisation when requested by an Authorised Inspector;

- b. failure to maintain accurate and/or complete records of effort, catch and catch-related data in accordance with SIOFA's reporting requirements or significant misreporting of such effort, catch and/or catch-related data;
- c. fishing in a closed area, if established by the Meeting of the Parties;
- d. fishing during a closed season, if established by the Meeting of the Parties;
- e. intentionally taking or retaining a species in contravention of any applicable CMM;
- f. significant violation of effort and/or catch limits or quotas in force
- g. using prohibited fishing gear;
- h. falsifying, intentionally concealing or removing the markings, identity and/or registration of a fishing vessel;
- i. concealing, tampering with or disposing of evidence relating to an investigation being carried out under this measure, including the breaking of seals or gaining access to sealed areas;
- j. failing to carry, or interfering with the operation of, the satellite monitoring system (VMS);
- k. presentation of falsified documents or providing false information to an inspector that would prevent a serious infringement from being detected;
- l. multiple violations which taken together constitute a serious disregard of CMMs;
- m. refusal to accept or facilitate a safe and prompt boarding and inspection when directed by an Authorised Inspector, other than as provided in accordance with paragraph 26;
- n. assaulting, resisting, intimidatating, sexually harassing, interfering with, or unduly obstructing or delaying an Authorised Inspector;
- o. breaching observer safety requirements if developed by the Meeting of Parties; and
- p. such other violations as may be determined by the Meeting of the Parties, once these are included and circulated in a revised version of this measure, or specified as a serious violation in any measure adopted by the Meeting of the Parties.

Enforcement

38. Any evidence obtained as a result of a boarding and inspection under this measure with respect to a violation of the Agreement or CMMs by a fishing vessel shall be referred to the Authorities of the Fishing Vessel for action consistent with the provisions of Article 11 of the Agreement.

39. For the purposes of this measure, each CCP shall ensure that it can effectively respond to any interference by a fishing vessel flying its flag, or its master or crew, with an Authorised Inspector, or an Authorised Inspection Vessel.

Annual reports

40. Contracting Parties that authorise inspection vessels to operate under this measure shall report annually to the Meeting of the Parties through its implementation report required under Article 10(2) [or under CMM 2018/XX (the new CMS measure)] on the boarding and inspections carried out by its Authorised Inspection Vessels, as well as upon possible violations observed.

41. Consistent with the obligation in Article 10(2), CCPs shall include in their implementation reports actions that they have taken in response to boarding and inspections that resulted in observation of alleged violations in relation to fishing vessels flying their flag or their nationals, including any proceedings instituted and sanctions applied.

Other provisions

42. Contracting Parties shall ensure that Authorised Inspection Vessels, while carrying out activities in accordance with this measure, aim to identify unauthorised or unidentified vessels of non-CCPs that are fishing in the Agreement Area. Contracting Parties shall report any such vessels to the Executive Secretary for notification to the Meeting of the Parties.

43. Contracting Parties shall ensure that an Authorised Inspection Vessel attempts to inform any fishing vessel identified pursuant to paragraph 42 that it has been seen or identified as potentially engaging in fishing that undermines the effectiveness of the Agreement or CMMs. Contracting Parties shall ensure that this information is sent to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the Meeting of the Parties, as well as to the authorities of the fishing vessel.

44. The Authorised Inspectors may request permission from the fishing vessel to board a vessel identified pursuant to paragraph 42. If the vessel master or the authorities consent to a boarding, the findings of any subsequent inspection shall be transmitted to the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall distribute this information to the Meeting of the Parties, as well as to the authorities of the relevant non-CCP.

45. To the extent permissible under international law, any claim submitted for damage, injury, death or loss resulting from an operation carried out under this measure shall be processed and considered by the CCP whose official(s) are asserted by the claimant to be responsible for the acts or omissions out of which the claim arises, in accordance with the domestic laws of that CCP.

Meeting of the Parties coordination and oversight

46. Authorised Inspection Vessels in the same operational area may seek to establish regular contact for the purpose of sharing information on areas in which they are patrolling, on sightings and on boarding and inspections they have carried out, as well as other operational activities and/or information relevant to carrying out their responsibilities under these procedures.

47. The Executive Secretary shall develop an electronic capability to catalogue and share with Authorised Inspectors a list of prior high seas boarding and inspection activities by 2021. This list shall include information on the date of the inspection, fishing vessel, inspection vessel, gear type, species, the CMM related to any potential violations found during the boarding, and the penalty or sanction imposed as the result of any investigation, where applicable.

48. The Meeting of the Parties shall keep under continuous review the implementation and operation of this measure, including review of implementation reports relating to this measure provided by CCPs.

Settlement of disagreements

49. In the event of a disagreement concerning the application or implementation of this measure between two or more CCPs (the CCPs), the CCPs concerned shall consult in an attempt to resolve the disagreement.

50. If the disagreement remains unresolved following the consultations, the Executive Secretary shall, at the joint request of the CCPs, refer the disagreement to the Compliance Committee. The Compliance Committee shall establish a panel of five representatives, acceptable to the CCPs, to consider the matter.

51. A report on the disagreement shall be drawn up by the panel, provided to the CCPs, and forwarded through the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the Meeting of the Parties within two months of the Compliance Committee meeting at which the matter is reviewed.

52. Upon receipt of such report, the Meeting of the Parties may provide appropriate advice with respect to any such disagreement for the consideration of the CCPs.

53. Application of these provisions for the settlement of disagreements, including with respect to the Compliance Committee panel reports and any advice provided by the Meeting of the Parties, shall be non-binding. These provisions shall not prejudice the rights of any Contracting Party or participating fishing entity to use the dispute settlement procedures provided in the Article 20 of the Agreement.

ANNEX 1 – Boarding and Inspection Reporting Form**REPORT OF HIGH SEAS BOARDING
AND INSPECTION**

(Inspector: Please use BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS)

Note to master of the vessel to be inspected

In accordance with paragraphs 5-8 of CMM 2018/xx High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures in the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA), the Authorised Inspectors have the authority to inspect, collect and record information on a fishing vessel in the Agreement Area, its license, gear, equipment, catch and production records, facilities, fishery resources and any relevant documents and samples necessary to verify compliance with SIOFA Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) and the Agreement. The inspection will be to check your compliance with SIOFA's CMMs. The Authorised Inspector is authorised to examine, sample, measure and photograph the vessel's gear, catch, logbook or other relevant documents. The information provided during the course of this inspection will be made available to the SIOFA Executive Secretary and your flag State. Should an alleged infringement be detected contents from this report may be circulated to SIOFA Contracting Parties, cooperating non-Contracting Parties, participating fishing entities and/or cooperating non-participating fishing entities. All information, data and samples contained in this report will be handled in accordance with the SIOFA policy and procedures on confidentiality of data of CMM 2016/03 (Data Confidentiality).

1. AUTHORISED INSPECTOR(S)

	Name	Nationality
1.		
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3.		

2. INFORMATION ON VESSEL INSPECTED

<u>Vessel's name and registration number</u>	
<u>Country and port of registration</u>	
<u>International radio call sign</u>	
<u>Type of vessel (fishing, research)</u>	

<u>Tonnage (GRT or GT)</u>	
<u>Number of Crew</u>	
<u>Master's name</u>	
<u>Owner's name and address</u>	

3. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY IN WHICH THE FISHING VESSEL WAS ENGAGED

Vessel Activity When Sighted:	Vessel Activity When Boarded:

Vessel Activity – (Steaming, setting gear, hauling gear, towing gear, stationary, transshipping, other (specify))

4. DETAILS OF INSPECTION

4.a Observations of the master and Authorised Inspector regarding the position of the vessel at time of boarding:

	Date (DD /MM/ YYYY)	Time UTC	Latitude		Longitude		Equipment used in determining position, e.g. GPS
			Deg.	Min.	Deg.	Min.	
Master							
Inspector							

4. b Type of fishing gear in current or recent use (e.g. bottom trawl, midwater trawl, longlining, traps)	
4. c Target species	

5. CATCHES RETAINED ON BOARD FROM LOGBOOK

5.a Quantities recorded by the master

SPECIES (common name/scientific name/FAO 3-Alpha code)	DECLARED LIVE WEIGHT ON BOARD (kgs)	Where available, DECLARED PROCESSED WEIGHT ONBOARD (kgs)	PROCESSING Type	CONVERSION FACTOR (live weight / processed weight)
TOTAL				

5b. Quantities On Board Determined by the Inspector

SPECIES (common name/scientific name/FAO 3- Alpha code/)	CALCULATED LIVE WEIGHT ON BOARD (kgs)	CALCULATED PROCESSED WEIGHT ON BOARD (kgs)	PROCESSING TYPE	CONVERSION FACTOR ²	DIFFERENCE (%) ³	OBSERVATIONS
TOTAL						

² Conversation Factor as provided by the Master in 5.a

³ Difference between the quantities on board as determined by the Authorised Inspector and the total quantities on board as compared by the master.

6. COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT CMMs

6.a Current CMMs applicable, in the opinion of the Authorised Inspector, to this fishery:

Reference CMM /Paragraph	Summary Title
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6.b Authorised Inspector's opinion on whether or not the CMMs outlined in paragraph 6.a above were complied with.

NB: An entry of NO must be followed by a statement by the Authorised Inspector. The master may also make a statement but is not obliged to do so.

Reference CMM /Paragraph	Compliant (Yes/No)	Seals affixed (serial number)	Comments
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Evidence and/or samples collected from vessel

Evidence / Sample Type	Purpose	Number	Comments
<i>(example) – muscle tissue</i>	<i>DNA - species identification</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Master claims species is alfonso</i>

6.c Authorised Inspector's Statement

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6.d Master's Statement

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7. COMPLETION OF INSPECTION

Date	Time of departure (UTC)
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Name of Authorised Inspector in charge	Signature of Authorised Inspector in charge

Name of second Authorised Inspector	Signature of second Authorised Inspector

Acknowledgment and receipt of report:

I, the undersigned, Master of the vessel, hereby confirm that a copy of this report has been delivered to me on this date. I acknowledge being informed about any alleged infringements and any seals to secure evidence that are listed in the table set out in paragraph 6.b above. My signature does not otherwise necessarily constitute acceptance of any part of the contents of this report.

Date and Time

Name of Master

Signature of Master