

**Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)
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**COOPERATION WITH THE
SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN
FISHERIES COMMISSION
(SWIOFC)**

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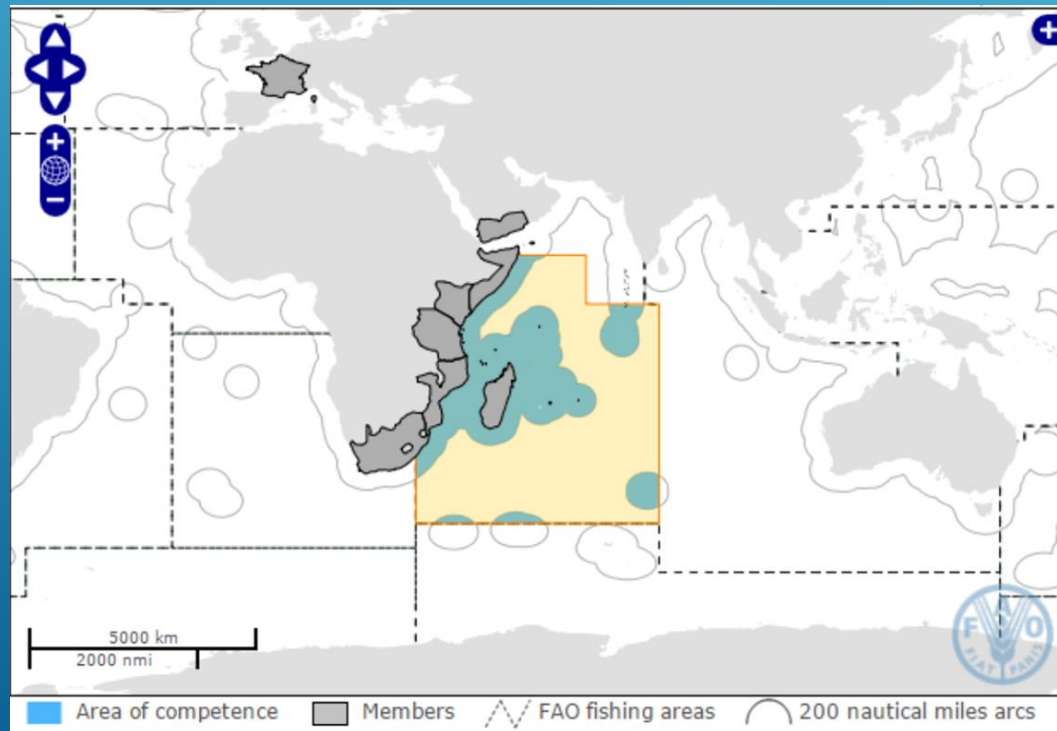


Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC)

- **Established in 2005 under Article VI of the FAO Constitution (advisory Regional Fisheries Body)**
- **Since 2015 Secretariat hosted in the premises of ADNAP, Maputo, Mozambique**
- **Regional forum for all fisheries management related discussion in the SWIO**
- **Key Partners: Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and the World Bank's SWIOFish1 project; UNEP-Nairobi Convention with the new Sida funded project; Southern African Development Community (SADC); World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), etc.**

SWIOFC Area of competence is adjacent to SIOFA area

Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) of 12 Members:
Comoros, France, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives,
Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia,
South Africa, Un. Rep. of Tanzania, Yemen



Possible collaboration between SWIOFC and SIOFA

- Possible collaboration between SWIOFC and SIOFA was discussed at recent meetings of both organizations
- At the last SWIOFC Session, the SIOFA Executive Secretary proposed three main areas of possible collaboration:
 1. Saya de Malha bank fisheries
 2. Fight against IUU
 3. Promotion of SIOFA's CMM
- SWIOFC is willing to collaborate with SIOFA and the three proposals made by SIOFA ES are briefly addressed in the following slides

1. Research on the transboundary demersal fishery resources of the Saya de Malha bank fisheries

- **Saya de Malha is a transboundary area encompassing the EEZs of two SWIOFC and SIOFA Member Countries (i.e. Mauritius and Seychelles) and with an areas beyond national jurisdiction of SIOFA competence**
- **Mauritius and Seychelles have already an agreement (Joint Management Area (JMA)) to manage the area but it excludes the water column and the living organisms above the shelf and extends beyond the EEZs of the respective two coastal States**

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- **Cooperative research is needed to assess the status of the living resources in the area and to determine an appropriate common management strategy**
- **Provided that a formal request is received by the two Member Countries involved and the availability of funds, SWIOFC would be pleased to be engaged in a joint research programme with SIOFA on the status of the living resources in the Saya de Malha bank.**

2. Activities aimed at fighting IUU fishing

- For the time being, SWIOFC has not developed specific activities to combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fisheries. However, as an FAO RFBs, it supports the implementation of the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA).
- At 1st June 2019, 9 out of 12 SWIOFC Member are Parties to the Agreement. National Strategies and Action Plans for compliance with the PSMA are under development in some SWIOFC Member Countries.


2. Activities aimed at fighting IUU fishing – cont.

- **In the SWIOFC region, work is under way for the establishment of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Fisheries Monitoring Control and Surveillance Coordination Centre (MCSCC).**
- **In the meantime that the Charter establishing the SADC MCSCC is signed at least by two thirds of the SADC Member States, an Interim Project management Unit (IPMU) is being set up in Maputo, Mozambique.**
- **SWIOFC is expected to be a partner of SADC in the MCSCC and its Secretariat will be hosted in the MCSCC premises when they are completed.**

2. Activities aimed at fighting IUU fishing – cont.

- Once the MCSSC is more established, SIOFA may consider a possible participation in the Centre, that SWIOFC would support with the MCSCC Secretariat, although it should be verified if the MCSSC equipment would be able to monitor and control also the SIOFA area of competence that it is very vast and distant from the coast of mainland Africa.

3. Projects to promote the application of SIOFA Conservation and Management Measures (CMM)

- **Following specific proposals from SIOFA on how SWIOFC could promote the application of SIOFA Conservation and Management Measures, the SWIOFC Secretariat would be pleased to present them at its next Session, that will take place 1-3 October 2019 in Maldives.**
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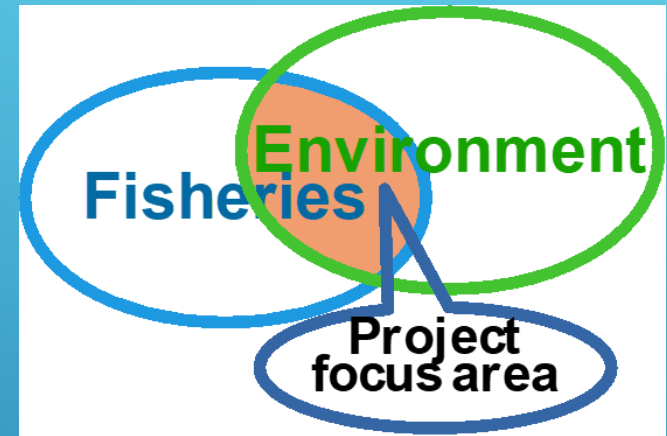
“A Partnership for Marine and Coastal Governance and Fisheries Management for Sustainable Blue Growth”

- **New project funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)**
- **A partnership between two bodies (SWIOFC and Nairobi Convention (NC)) of two UN Agencies (FAO and UNEP)**
- **A possible model of cooperation between a Regional Fisheries Body (RFB) and a Regional Sea Convention (RSC)**
- **Duration: 2019-2023 (5 years)**
- **Budget: USD 8.7 million (of which 3.1 to NC)**

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Three main components:

1. Protection and management of the coastal and marine ecosystems
2. Coastal fisheries are sustainably managed using the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF)
3. Improvement of coordination between fisheries and environmental management institutions at the regional and national levels



Many thanks for your attention

Merci beaucoup pour votre attention

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