

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(March 6, 2018)

1st Meeting of the SIOFA SAWG (Stock Assessments Working Group)

15-18 March 2018, Hôtel Mercure Créolia, 14 rue du Stade Montgaillard, Saint Denis, La Réunion

Meeting Room – SALON DISKOUR

Chair SAWG: Japan

This agenda for the 1st meeting of the SIOFA SAWG was developed to focus on the areas of work identified in its ToR agreed in SC02 (2017) (SC02 report: Annex K). Registration will be open from 08:00 and the meeting hour will be 9 am-5 pm daily.

NOTE1: After this meeting, SC03 will convene 20-24 March at the same location

NOTE2: There may be at least one closed session where non-contracting parties and observers will be asked to leave the room (For details, see page 3)

Agenda	Related documents
1. Openings 1.1 Opening statement (Chair MoP: Japan) 1.2 Introduction of participant	
2. Administrative arrangements 2.1 Adoption of the Agenda 2.2 Confirmation of meeting documents 2.3 Appointment of rapporteur 2.4 Review of terms of reference	
3. SIOFA Management framework by tier approach 3.1 Data rich situation: Stock assessments based advices (1) MSY and B0 based approach (2) Target and limit reference points (3) Retrospective analyses (4) Stock trajectories plots (5) Risk assessments 3.2 Data limit situation: Indicators based advices using Harvest Control Rules (HCR) 3.3 No data situation: Parameters based advices by Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INF#05 Deepwater WS-Report (2017) (SPRFMO) ● INF#06 Tiered-assessment WS report (2017) (SPRFMO) ● INF#12 Australian Management Protocols for Alfonsino: The Tier Management Method (2016) (Shotton) ● INF#03 Report Pacific armorhead WS (2012) ● INF#02 Data Limit Stock Guidance Report (2012) (ICES) ● INF#07 Empirical Harvest Rules (2015) (SEAFO)

<p>4. Stock assessments: Orange Roughy</p> <p>4.1 Basic issues</p> <p>(1) Fisheries and Catch</p> <p>(2) Abundance indices (acoustic data)</p> <p>(3) Biological information</p> <p>(4) Stock structure and management units</p> <p>4.2 Walters Shoal Region (Area 2)</p> <p>(1) Results by CASAL (consultant)</p> <p>(2) Management advices</p> <p>4.3 Harvest Control Rules (SIOFA statistical area 1,2,3a and 3b) (consultant)</p> <p>(1) Results</p> <p>(2) Management advices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● #03 Preparation for orange roughy SA+HCR (2018) (SIOFA-SAWG) ● INF#08 (Part 1-3) SOVIET AND UKRAINIAN information (2003) (Romanov) ● #08 Summary of historical orange roughy catch (2018) (SAWG Chair + Secretariat) ● INF#01 FAO acoustic WS (2017) (FAO) ● INF#09 OR biomass estimation in SIOFA - acoustic data (2017) (CSIRO) ● INF#10 Review of SIOFA OR acoustic data. (2017) (CSIRO) ● #04 Orange Roughy Age Readings from Sleeping Beauty (2017) (Patchell) ● #05 Stock assessment of orange roughy Walter's Shoal (2017) Cordue) ● #09 PowerPoint for #05 (2018) (Cordue) ● INF#04 Orange Roughy Stock Assessments (2014) (Cordue) ● #06 Assessment of orange roughy stocks SIOFA Areas 1, 2, 3a and 3b (2018) (Cordue) ● #07 PowerPoint for #06 (2018) (Cordue)
<p>5. Future works</p> <p>5.1 Stock assessments</p> <p>(1) Alfonsino</p> <p>(2) Patagonian toothfish (*)</p> <p>(3) Other species</p> <p>5.2 Stock structure studies</p> <p>(1) Orange Roughy</p> <p>(2) Alfonsino</p> <p>(3) Patagonian toothfish</p> <p>5.3 Budgets (Secretariat) and timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INF#11 Global Review of Alfonsino, pages 121-123 (2016) (Shotton)
<p>6. Other business</p> <p>7. Dates and place for SAWG02 (2019)</p> <p>8. Advice to SC03</p> <p>9. Adoption of the meeting report</p> <p>10. Closings</p>	

(*) Participants are requested to report on data inventories to prepare Alfonsino and Patagonian toothfish stock assessments next year. Available historical catch and CPUE, as well as biological and other relevant information need to be reported as information paper)

Information on “closed session”

As previously notified on the SIOFA website <http://www.siofa.org/node/68> there may be at least one closed session where non-contracting parties and observers will be asked to leave the room, owing to the confidential and commercially sensitive nature of some data that is intended to be presented.

In accordance with SIOFA Rule of Procedure 20 (see below), the SAWG may decide that exceptional circumstances require that part of this meeting be held in closed session. In consultation with both SC and SAWG Chairpersons and to assure adherence to the SIOFA Rules of Procedure the process will be as follows;

1. On adopting the agenda, some MoP (hereafter MoP A) will make a request providing explanation and justification which agenda item, or portion of an agenda item, should be closed for exceptional reasons.
2. Based on the explanation provided, the SAWG will decide whether it is justifiable to close the identified session/presentation for exceptional reasons. In the event that SAWG do not agree, MoP A may decide whether or not to present their data.
3. Upon reaching an agenda item SAWG have agreed to close, any observers and non-CPs present will be instructed to leave the meeting room.

Upon registering participation for SAWG1, observers and Non-CPs will be informed that there may be closed sessions at this meeting.

SIOFA Rules of Procedure

Part XII – Transparency

Rule 20 – Open and Closed meetings

1. Consistent with Article 14 of the Agreement, ordinary and extraordinary Meetings of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies shall be open to observers unless the Meeting of the Parties or the subsidiary body concerned decides that exceptional circumstances require that a meeting, or part thereof, be held in closed session.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Rule, meetings of any subsidiary body established to consider financial matters shall be restricted to budget contributors and discussions concerning the selection and appointment of the Executive Secretary shall ordinarily be conducted in a closed meeting.
3. The outcomes of a closed ordinary or extraordinary Meeting of the Parties or part thereof shall be announced at the next opportunity - either at the next open session or at the next open Meeting of the Parties as appropriate. At the end of a closed meeting of a subsidiary body, the Chairperson of the subsidiary body may issue a communiqué through the Executive Secretary outlining any recommendations made at that closed meeting