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Cooperation facts between CCAMLR and SIOFA

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Abstract

This paper presents the cooperation facts that occurred between CCAMLR and SIOFA in 2020. Next tasks are also listed.

Cooperation between SIOFA and CCAMLR

Year: 2020

Period: year

Item (with numbers relevant to the Annex of the Arrangement)		Action
Tags provided to SIOFA by CCAMLR	i.a	No requests for tags has been received from SIOFA.
Tag information	i.b	Secretariat provided a summary of release data of CCAMLR tagged toothfish recaptured in SIOFA and reported to CCAMLR by Spain/EU
Tag information	i.c	CCAMLR responded to a request from SIOFA for details of one CCAMLR tag recovered in the SIOFA area, with the permission of the CCAMLR Member data owner.
Information provided to SIOFA on the CDS	ii.a	No activity
CDS summary data provided to SIOFA	ii.b	No request for CDS data has been received from SIOFA.
IUU vessel list information exchange	iii	CCAMLR and SIOFA IUU lists were exchanged, and website links provided
Meeting attendance		<p>CCAMLR secretariat attended (virtually)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Meeting of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) Scientific Committee Stock Assessment and Ecological Risk Assessment Working Group (SERAWG) (18, 23 and 25 June 2020) and 4th video session of the 5th Scientific Committee <p>SIOFA secretariat attended (virtually)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thirty-Ninth Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) [27 to 30 October 2020]
Other exchanges		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCAMLR hosted SIOFA Data Manager for 2 weeks in Jan 2020, providing information on CCAMLR observer system, databases, data collection protocols and forms. CCAMLR and SIOFA secretariats exchanged information on their development, and conduct, of virtual meetings during the COVID pandemic.

Next tasks to be undertaken:

- SIOFA Secretariat to inquire about the tags EU uses for tagging toothfish in the SIOFA area.
- SIOFA Secretariat to ask CCAMLR for a summary of fish tagged in the SIOFA Area.
- SIOFA Secretariat to collect CDS information from CCAMLR for catch reported in the SIOFA area.
- SIOFA to provide CCAMLR with the yearly toothfish catch summary in FAO area 51 and 57.

In 2018 the Commission agreed to further strengthen the activities under the Arrangements with SPRFMO, SIOFA and SEAFO, with the agreement of these organisations, in the following ways (CCAMLR-XXXVII, paragraph 11.20):

(i) Consistent with the Arrangement's paragraphs 2(ii) and (iv), CCAMLR should request SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO cooperate on toothfish tagging research as follows:

(a) Tagged toothfish released in SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO should follow CCAMLR tagging protocols and use tags sourced from the CCAMLR Secretariat to avoid the use of duplicate tag sequences and the replication of data management process in respective Secretariats.

(b) SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO should provide biological data and tag-recapture information on all toothfish recaptured in the waters covered by their Conventions; CCAMLR in return should provide biological and tag-release information to SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO for these fish.

(c) CCAMLR should provide biological and tag-return information on all toothfish that are tagged in the areas of SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO and recaptured within the CAMLR Convention Area. SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO in return should provide biological and tag-release information to CCAMLR for these fish.

(ii) Consistent with the Arrangement's paragraphs 2(ii) and (iii), CCAMLR and SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO should cooperate to apply the CCAMLR Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* spp. (CDS) in respect of toothfish caught in SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO waters.

(a) CCAMLR and SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO should collaborate to encourage or require any Contracting Party to SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO that catches toothfish to implement the CDS by acceding to the CAMLR Convention or becoming a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (NCP). Part of this collaboration would involve the provision of assistance and capacity building by the Secretariat.

(b) CCAMLR should provide to SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO summary CDS data for all *Dissostichus* Catch Documents (DCDs) originating from catches in adjacent areas covered by the Arrangements. On request from SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO, CCAMLR could include in the DCD a declaration on whether fish was caught in a respective Convention Area in compliance with relevant conservation measures.

(iii) Consistent with the Arrangement's paragraph 2(ii), CCAMLR and SEAFO/SIOFA/SPRFMO should provide reciprocal links to each other's IUU vessel lists on their websites (noting that SEAFO and SPRFMO already include links to CCAMLR's IUU list).