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Hosting the 2023 meeting of the Scientific Committee

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Abstract

The Eight Meeting of the Parties accepted the European Union's offer to host the 2023 meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC8) in the Canary Islands, Spain. This document elaborates on the practical and operational aspects of the SC8 meeting.

Recommendations

The SC notes and welcomes the suggested meeting arrangements.

1. BACKGROUND

The Meeting of the Parties (MoP8) accepted the European Union's offer to host the 2023 meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC8) in the Canary Islands, Spain (MoP8 Report, Paragraph 236). The SIOFA Secretariat received an EU Grant¹ invitation (February 2022) to submit a proposal specifically aimed at organising the SC8, its Working Groups (SERAWG5 and PAEWG5) and two ad-hoc workshops.

2. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 Hosting

The meetings will take place in the Headquarters of the Spanish Institute of Oceanography ([IEO](#)) in Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain following the suggested schedule in section 2.3.

2.2 Meeting Sessions

Ad-hoc Workshops:

- Deepwater sharks in the SIOFA area: Aiming at assessment efforts continue to be focussed on sharks, particularly those taken in high volumes.
- Joint Meeting between the Meeting of the parties and the Scientific Committee: Aiming at discussing management strategies for orange roughy, splendid alfonsino and toothfish in SIOFA.

2 external experts/facilitators per workshop will participate to guide the workshops to meet their goals.

Working Groups (SERAWG5 and PAEWG5) & Scientific Committee (SC8): As per usual practice.

2.3 Schedule²

MEETINGS	DATES 2023
Workshop on deepwater sharks in the SIOFA area	6 - 7 March
Joint Meeting of the Parties-Scientific Committee (MoP-SC) Workshop	9 - 10 March
SIOFA 5 th Stock and Ecological Risk Assessment Working Group (SERAWG5)	13 - 17 March
SIOFA 5 th Protected Areas and Ecosystems Working Group (PAEWG5)	20 - 24 March
Eighth Meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC8)	27 - 31 March

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¹ Maximum amount of 120 000 EUR.

² SC9 hosting aims at full face to face meetings. Considering the uncertainty associated to the developments of the current COVID pandemic, the remote online participation of Members of the Meeting of the Parties and Scientific Committee is guaranteed.

Working Group dates could be adjusted depending on meetings modality (Five days may be would not be needed if face to face meeting takes place).