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# Data and security audits, status in 2024 (abstract of restricted paper)

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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>In 2022 two audits have been directed by the MoP, one about data availability and one about data security. These audits resulted in several recommendations. The MoP chose to retain some of these recommendations and to implement them in a 2023-2026 years workplan. This paper summarizes the recommendations and their development status.</p> <p>In 2024 most of the recommendations have been considered and implemented. However, a few items are still in progress or partially implemented and a few of them require the MoP and its subsidiary bodies to act on. The SC may advise the MoP especially in relation to the amendments of CMM 02 and CMM 03 that would enlarge the range of the data that is accessible or public.</p>

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### Recommendations

- The Scientific Committee to propose amendments to CMM 03 and to advise the MoP for:
  - Allowing catch and effort data to be not confidential for larger time or spatial aggregations without condition (e.g. to enable annual catch data of any species in the SIOFA area to be public), ref para 2 b.
  - Updating CMM 03 para 2c since the MoP adopted a Bottom Fishing Footprint.
  - Considering data confidentiality and access depending on the nature of the data (e.g. industry catch and effort data, observers collected data, VMS data, etc.)
- The SC to request CCPs to present the catch and effort data verification mechanisms in their annual report.

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