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# IOTC bycatch in the SIOFA Area

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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>IOTC and SIOFA have a very large marine area in common with vessels susceptible of catching species of interest to each organization. IOTC provided the SIOFA Secretariat with an updated dataset for catch recorded in the SIOFA area by its members, that included non-IOTC species. The Secretariat computed the catch of non-IOTC species that occurred in the SIOFA area in the recent period (since 2000). Several fishing vessels flagged to countries that are not SIOFA CCPs caught significant quantities of species that fall under the SIOFA management mandate. Several SIOFA CCPs also have significant catches which have not been reported to SIOFA.</p>

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**Recommendations**

- The SC to identify which species amongst the IOTC bycatch should be considered by SIOFA and reported to SIOFA under its requirements, notably CMM 02.
- The SC to inform the MoP that several non-contracting parties have made significant catches of SIOFA species that have not been reported to SIOFA.
- The SC to inform the MoP that several CCPs are reporting catch of SIOFA species to IOTC but not to SIOFA.
- The SC to recommend to the MoP that the CCPs that are members of IOTC request the commission to improve bycatch reporting and species identification.

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