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Bottom Fishing Impact Assessment for Hapuka Fishery

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| Abstract | <p>On February 7, 2025, the Union of Comoros has submitted to the secretariat a Fisheries Operation Plan for Hapuka Fishery in accordance with CMM17 (2024). However, after carefully studying the CMM 17 (2024) we concluded that Hapuka fishery cannot be considered a new or exploratory type of fishery by a definition because:</p> <p>A) It is listed as an established fishery in Annex 1 of CMM 17 (page 7).</p> <p>B) The fishing activity is planned to be conducted within the SIOFA bottom fishing footprint (subareas 2, 3a, 3b and 4).</p> <p>C) The Union of Comoros plans to engage in a fishing activity targeting hapuka by using an established method of dropline.</p> <p>D) That last activity for hapuka fishery in SIOFA was conducted in 2021 (less than 10 years ago)</p> <p>Therefore, according to SIOFA rules and regulations, we would like to submit to the secretariat the Bottom Fishing Impact assessment report for hapuka fishery.</p> |

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the SC:

- **Notes** the BFIA for Hapuka Fishery provided by the Union of Comoros
- **Notes** that the Union of Comoros is acting according to SIOFA rules and regulations

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