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# Provisional Bottom Fishing Impact Assessment for the Mauritian trawler in the SIOFA Convention Area

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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Mauritian vessel, 'Klondyke 139' is listed in the SIOFA Record of Authorised Vessels and is operating as mid water trawler in the SIOFA Convention Area since May 2024. The overall length of the vessel is 54.55 m. The vessel operated in sub-area 2. 3a &amp; 3b and undertook two trips in 2024. The owner of the vessel has submitted a BFIA report in order to allow the vessel to operate as bottom trawler in the SIOFA CA. In this respect, a BFIA has been prepared taking into consideration all aspects of Conservation and Management Measures of SIOFA relating to bottom fishing in particular CMM 01(2024) &amp; CMM 15(2024), the SIOFA BFIA Standard and the FAO International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-Sea Fisheries in the High Seas.</p>

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**Recommendations**

The SIOFA Scientific Committee is to:

- Consider the updated Bottom Fishing Impact Assessment (BFIA) of the Republic of Mauritius
- Provide relevant recommendations and advice to the MoP

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