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# Implications of SIOFA VMS and the Standard Specifications and Procedures on other SIOFA CMMs and Policies.

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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>During the intersessional discussions on the development of the Standards, Specifications and Procedures (SSPs) and other discussions related to the entry into operation of the SIOFA VMS, the VMS Working Group identified that the SPPs may have implications for several CMMs and SIOFA policies.</p> <p>This document provides an overview of those potential implications.</p>

### Recommendations (for proposals and working papers only)

- CC8 to take note of the potential implications of adopting the proposed SSPs for SIOFA CMMs and policies and to provide guidance on addressing them.

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# Implications of SIOFA VMS and the SSPs for other SIOFA CMMs and Policies.

## Background

Following the adoption of the Conservation and Management Measure for the establishment of a SIOFA Vessel Monitoring System (CMM 16 (2023) (Vessel Monitoring System)), the MoP10 also established an intersessional working group to, *inter alia*, define Standards, Specifications and Procedures (SSPs) for the SIOFA VMS, that would allow its entry into operation, as foreseen by CMM 16 (2023).

During the intersessional work, the VMS WG noted that the introduction of the SIOFA VMS may have implications for other SIOFA CMMs and SIOFA policies. The VMS WG also noted the need to address these implications going forward to prevent any overlaps, gaps and inconsistencies in the implementation of the SIOFA VMS. The WG also noted that there may be a need to revisit CMM 16 (2023) Vessel Monitoring System in the future.

This paper provides an overview of the potential implications for other SIOFA CMMs and SIOFA policies identified during the VMS WG discussions.

## Potential implications

- To align the submission of ‘VMS system details’ as required by paragraph 2 r. of CMM 07 (2022) (Vessel Authorization) with the submission of ALC details required by the proposed SSPs.
- To include VMS data in the scope of CMM 03 (2016) (Data Confidentiality) to complement the provisions on Data Confidentiality and Security in the proposed SSPs.
- To update and approve the draft proposed *Information System Security Policy for SIOFA’s Secretariat*, first considered by the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties (MOP-09-09c).
- To amend CMM 10 (2023) (Monitoring) to allow Entry / Exit reporting to be submitted to the Secretariat automatically through the use of VMS.
- To amend CMM 14 (2021) (High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures) to require the master of a fishing vessel to make the vessel’s ALC, including antenna, connectors, power supply, and antenna cable, available for inspection during high seas boarding and inspections.
- To amend CMM 08 (2020) (Port inspection) to require the master of a fishing vessel to make the vessel’s ALC, including antenna, connectors, power supply, and antenna cable, available for inspection during port inspections.
- To amend CMM 16 (2023) to:
  - Incorporate the proposed SSPs as an Annex to the CMM;
  - Provide for the assessment of compliance of CCPs with the proposed SSPs;
  - Require the deletion of VMS position reports received pursuant to paragraph 28 of CMM 16 (2023) immediately after they have served their purpose;
  - Require the utilization of the SIOFA VMS by both the CCPs and the Secretariat in accordance with CMM 16 (2023) and the SSPs, and *potentially* CMM 03 (2016);

- Require the Executive Secretary to report on the Secretariat's implementation of the Security and Confidentiality provisions of the SSPs.
- To amend CMM 16 (2023) to require the master of a fishing vessel to make the vessel's ALC, including antenna, connectors, power supply, and antenna cable, available for inspection during high seas boarding and inspections and during inspections in port.

**Recommendations / Note**

The CC08 is requested to take note of the potential implications of adopting the proposed SSPs for SIOFA CMMs and policies and to provide guidance on addressing them.