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| Abstract | The SIOFA status has been renewed by the FAO on the 10 th of June 2024. |
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On April 18, 2024, the Executive Secretary of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) reached out to the office of the Legal Counsel of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) through a formal letter.

The purpose of this correspondence was to seek legal feedback on the status of the agreement in order to provide an update for the forthcoming Meeting of the Parties.

The Legal Counsel's office responded, providing their insights and guidance via email on June 10, 2024.

The detailed content of this exchange, including the questions posed and the advice given, is presented on the following page.



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Ref. 2024-04-18_01/SIOFA/ES

The Executive Secretary
of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement.

Development Law Service
LEG Department Unit of
Food and Agriculture Organisation for the
United Nation (FAO-UN)

Reunion Island, Thursday 18th April 2024

Subject: Confirmation of Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) Status

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm contacting you regarding the confirmation of the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) designation as a depository organization for the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA). Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Obtaining official confirmation of the FAO's designation as a depository organization for SIOFA is of utmost importance to us. This confirmation not only fulfills our regulatory requirements but also ensures the effective operation of our respective organizations in alignment with the agreement.

Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Thierry CLOT



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SIOFA Executive Secretary



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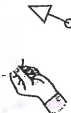
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Rome, 10 June 2024

Dear Mr Clot,

I confirm that, as of today, 10 June 2024, the status of participation in the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) is correctly reflected on the FAO website. Please find attached for your easy reference the information contained in the above-mentioned website.

Yours sincerely,

Donata Rugarabamu
Legal Counsel

Mr Thierry CLOT
Executive Secretary
SIOFA

Annex I

**SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT (SIOFA)
adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries in Rome, Italy on 7 July 2006**

Registered with the United Nations under N° 49647 on 21 June 2012

| Countries | Signed | Ratification | Acceptance | Approval | Accession |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Australia | 29 Dec 2006 | 23 Mar 2012 | | | |
| China | | | | | 23 Oct 2019 |
| Comoros | 7 Jul 2006 | | | | |
| Cook Islands | | | | | 5 Jun 2008 |
| European Union | 7 Jul 2006 | | | 15 Oct 2008 | |
| France | 7 Jul 2006 | 25 Jan 2013 | | | |
| Japan | | | | | 17 Jun 2014 |
| Kenya | 7 Jul 2006 | | | | |
| Madagascar | 4 Oct 2006 | | | | |
| Mauritius | 5 July 2007 | 10 Dec 2010 | | | |
| Mozambique | 7 Jul 2006 | | | | |
| New Zealand | 7 Jul 2006 | | | | |
| Republic of Korea | | | | | 29 Oct 2014 |
| Seychelles | 7 July 2006 | 5 Nov 2007 | | | |
| Thailand | | | | | 21 Apr 2017 |