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Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report

Abstract of restricted paper

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Abstract	
<p>As provided by the Conservation and Management Measure for the Establishment of a Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMM 11(2020) Compliance Monitoring Scheme), the 9th Meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC09) has adopted a Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report (pSCR), for the consideration of the 12th Meeting of the Parties to the SIOFA.</p> <p>The CC09 has assessed the compliance of 188 individual obligations across 15 CMMs, recalling that there are no binding obligations under CMM 03 (2016) on Data Confidentiality³ and that CMM 16 (2023) on Vessel Monitoring System⁴ may not be assessed until it enters into operation.</p> <p>For this year's compliance assessment, the Secretariat has received the dSCR from all CCPs; however, two (2) CCPs, the Cook Islands and India, provided their CCR after the deadline, which was 1 May 2025. Furthermore, two CCPs did not provide any feedback on their respective section of the dSCR, which, while non-binding, does provide the Secretariat with valuable information prior to completing the dSCR.</p> <p>This year's compliance assessment used the new compliance template for the first time, which should have streamlined the reporting process for CCPs and allowed for a smoother assessment process by the Secretariat. The CCPs also used the opportunity to note potential adjustments to the template to further improve reporting, which will be considered in next year's template.</p>	

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² Documents available only to members invited to closed sessions.

³ [Conservation and Management Measure for Data Confidentiality and Procedures for access and use of data](#)

⁴ [Conservation and Management Measure for the establishment of a SIOFA Vessel Monitoring System](#)

To facilitate the work of the MoP, the pSCR is accompanied by a summarized table of potential compliance issues as identified by the Secretariat, and assessed by CC09. The summarized table also highlights some obligations that may require clarity on their interpretation and implementation by the Compliance Committee and the Meeting of the Parties.

The Secretariat has also included an Excel version of the d/p/fSCR on the meeting page to facilitate reference by CCPs, the Compliance Committee and the Meeting of the Parties in their consideration of the dSCR and pSCR, respectively.

Recommendations (for proposals and working papers only)

- Consider the pSCR and adopt a final SIOFA Compliance Report
- Provide guidance on the interpretation and implementation of obligations where CC09.
- Make any other relevant recommendations as necessary.