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## Report on SIOFA Staff Resources and Secretariat Activities

SIOFA Secretariat

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<b>Abstract</b>	
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## Introduction

Following Rule 8.1 (f) and (g) of the SIOFA Rules of Procedure (RoP), this document presents an annual report, compiled by the Secretariat, detailing its staffing resources and activities covering the period between MoP11 and MoP12.

## Updates to the Agreement: SIOFA's CCPs and signatories

SIOFA's Contracting Parties are:

- Australia
- People's Republic of China
- Cook Islands
- European Union
- France (on behalf of its Overseas Territories)
- Japan
- The Republic of Korea
- Mauritius
- Seychelles
- Thailand

SIOFA's Participating Fishing Entity are:

- Chinese Taipei

SIOFA's Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties are:

- The Union of Comoros
- India

The Signatories to the Agreement are:

- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Mozambique
- New Zealand

According to the Article 14 of the Agreement, intergovernmental organisations concerned with matters relevant to the implementation of the Agreement, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission and regional fisheries management organisations with competence over high seas waters adjacent to the Area, shall be entitled to participate as observers in the Meeting of the Parties and meetings of its subsidiary bodies.

According with RoP 18.2, NGOs Observer status shall remain in effect for future meetings unless the Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise.

Observers (To be confirmed, once registration forms will be received):

- The Republic of South Africa [confirmed]
- The United States of America
- The Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP)
- The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
- Deep-Sea Conservation Coalition (DSCC) [confirmed]
- The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the United Nations
- The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)
- The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) [confirmed]
- The Joint Commission of the Mauritius-Seychelles Joint Management Area (JMA)
- The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO / ABNJ/ RSN / FIRMS)
- The Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC)
- Southern Indian Ocean Deep-sea Fishers' Association (SIODFA) [confirmed]
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- International MCS Network (IMCSNET)
- PEW (*Status request in progress*)

#### SIOFA Meeting of the Parties and subsidiary bodies chairpersons

**Table 1** provides an overview of the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Meeting of the Parties and its associated subsidiary bodies.

**Table 1:** Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the SIOFA

Body	Chairperson	Vice-Chairpersons
Meeting of the Parties	M. Ichiro Nomura (Jul 2024 to Jul 2025)	Ms Adèle Moisan
Compliance Committee	Mrs Meera Koonjul (Jul 2024 to Jul 2026)	M. Patrick Sachs
Scientific Committee	M. Alistair Dunn (Nov 2020 to Jul 2025)	Dr. Zhou Fang Ms. Charlotte Chazeau

In reference to the Rule of Procedure 5.3, the subsidiary bodies of the Meeting of the Parties shall elect their Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among the representatives, alternate representatives and advisers of the Contracting Parties, each of whom shall serve for a maximum of two years and shall be eligible for re-election for one additional term of two years.

According to the rotational schedule of MoP Chair (Annex II of the RoP), the Chairing of SIOFA will be assured by France Overseas Territory after the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties.

### SIOFA Staff Resources

The Secretariat staff currently consists of an Executive Secretary, a Data Officer (since January 2022 up until 31 December 2025), a Science Officer (since February 2022 up until 31 January 2026), a Compliance Officer (since February 2023 up until February 2027) and an Intern Assistant to the Secretariat. The Intern was recruited in February 2025 to support the Secretariat from March 2025 to September 2025.

For the Secretariat to function effectively, it is imperative that the Executive Secretary prioritizes good communication, transparency, human resources, and financial management.

With regards to communication and transparency, the Executive Secretary conducts depending on the Chairs availability, if possible monthly, a Chairs meeting with all SIOFA Chairs and Vice-chairs to discuss Secretariat operations and potential challenges that may require joint action or advice.

Furthermore, weekly staff meetings are planned to stay updated on various matters, monitor progress, and identify any challenges that may require assistance. These meetings also serve as an opportunity for staff members to raise issues for resolution by the Executive Secretary.

Regarding human resources and financial management, The Secretariat currently has 4 offices:

- 1- A Scientific Office, which is responsible for all science-related matters and for preparing applications for European grants.
- 2- A Compliance Office, whose main responsibilities are to administer the compliance-related services provided by the Secretariat, to oversee programs and collaborations related to the fight against IUU fishing, and to support endeavours in relations to the regional commissions, and other compliance related tasks as directed by the Meeting of the Parties.
- 3- An IT and Data Office, which is responsible for the databases, archives, management of the SIOFA website and IT related tasks.
4. A Human Resources and Financial Office, which is responsible for recruitment, staff supervision and monitoring, and budget management as well as the maintenance of the premises.

The tasks of each office have been clearly defined. Each office carries out its own tasks but also participates in the Secretariat's collective discussions and tasks.

The Secretariat is thus set up to carry out the tasks assigned by the MoP, the SC or the CC and to respond to the various requests from the CCPs or other organisations.

### Secretariat Activities

The main duties of the Secretariat from MoP11 to MoP12 included:

The realisation of the specific tasks required by the MoP11:

- Executing the designated tasks outlined in MoP11.
- Gathering and analysing data and generating data reports.
- Coordinating meetings.
- Collaborating with other organisations (including governmental and non-governmental organisations, FAO, etc.).
- Engaging in scientific endeavours (specified further below).
- Participating in meetings with adjacent RFMOs.
- Handling administrative duties (such as personnel management, financial tasks, and record-keeping).

The Secretariat has adhered to the directives outlined in the MoP11 decisions regarding the SIOFA Performance Review recommendations. A comprehensive summary detailing the completed actions and ongoing initiatives is available in **Annex 1**.

### Compliance Activities

In addition to the Compliance services provided by the Secretariat, these are the other compliance-related activities undertaken during the last intersessional period include:

- Support in the planning of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee, including preparations of the following reports:
  - Draft SIOFA Compliance Report
  - Review of Recommendation from the Final SIOFA Compliance Report (fSCR) adopted by the 11th Meeting of the Parties.
  - Informal Workshop on the SIOFA CCPs Compliance Report Template
  - Draft and Current SIOFA IUU Vessels list
  - Monitoring Control and Surveillance
  - Update of Workplan & Progress Toward Operationalization of SIOFA VMS
  - Review of the Hosting Options for the SIOFA VMS

- Review of the Draft Terms of Reference for the Provision of a Vessel Monitoring System for the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
  - Proposed Amendments to the Standards, Specifications and Procedures (SSPs) for the SIOFA VMS
  - Capacity Building
  - The SIOFA Performance Review (supported drafting)
- Intersessional management of IUU vessel list updates
- Investigation of possible landings or transshipments of SIOFA species at ports placed under the jurisdiction of non-CCPs
- Contribute to the development of the paper for CC9 to identify the capacity-building needs of developing states in the implementation of obligations arising from the Agreement.
- Enhancing internal compliance related processes
  - Continued work on the new CCR Template, including reviewing available information for the Secretariat to conduct Annual Compliance Assessments
  - Improvements to the management of the SIOFA IUU vessels list (ongoing)
  - Establishing procedures for the management of the Port Inspection Reports (continuing from last year)
  - Improvements to the management of the SIOFA RAV, including aligning internal procedures with the CMM.
- Support to intersessional Processes:
  - VMS Working Group: The Secretariat has been responsible for supporting the intersectional processes related to the entry into operation of the SIOFA VMS, including
    - Grant application and management for the SIOFA VMS project (European Union grant)
    - Meeting organisation: The Secretariat has facilitated three (3) VMS Working Group meetings intersessionally to continue discussions related to the entry into operation of the SIOFA VMS.
    - Drafting several policy documents to support discussions related to the entry into operation of the SIOFA VMS has been drafted by the Secretariat which includes:
      - Options Paper for the Hosting of the SIOFA VMS
      - Draft ToR for the Procurement of the SIOFA VMS
      - Potential amendments to CMMs and the SIOFA SSPs to support the entry into operation of the SIOFA VMS
    - Other tasks as directed by the SIOFA VMS WG Chair
    - Intersessional discussions on a new SIOFA CCR template: Following the endorsement of a New CCR template by the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties, the Secretariat was tasked with facilitating an informal workshop to ensure a

smooth transition to the new template. To further support the objectives of this workshop the Secretariat prepared a set of complementary Guidelines for Completing the New SIOFA CCPs Compliance Report Template which remains available for CCPs to consult when completing their CCR.

- Networking

There's been continued and growing interest by other organisations in the compliance and MCS-related work of the Organisation, since the recruitment of a Compliance Officer, which has allowed the secretariat to participate in focused, and expert based bilateral and multilateral forums related to this:

- *Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)*: The Secretariat received some delegates who were in La Reunion for an IORA-led Workshop to develop an IORA Guideline to combat IUU Fishing in the Indian Ocean. The Secretariat presented the background of the organisation and some CMS and IUU-related measures currently in force in the Organisation. Exchanges between the two organisations were informal. However, it was agreed that there may be some opportunities for the SIOFA to be part of those discussions and potentially to be more actively engaged with the IORA on matters related to regional fisheries governance, combating IUU fishing and other areas where there is a common interest between the two organisations
- *International MCS Network (IMCSNET)*: Since the SIOFA became a member of the IMCSNET (and vice versa), there has been continued engagement with the network. During the intersessional period since the conclusion of the MOP11, discussions between the IMCSNET and its members have been:
  - A consolidated Record of Authorized Vessels between RFMOs
  - An IUU vessels list Hub
  - RFMO Capacity Development and Technical Assistance
- *The Pew Charitable Trusts (PEW)* invited the Secretariat to review its initiative to strengthen compliance review processes at RFMOs. This initiative includes a self-assessment tool for RFMO members to evaluate their capacity needs. This tool is intended to support decision-making and prioritization in addressing capacity gaps related to the implementation of conservation and management measures.
- *Global Fishing Watch (GFW)*: The Secretariat had bilateral discussions with the GFW to introduce SIOFA, and current initiatives related to Compliance being undertaken by the SIOFA. It was noted in the bilateral discussion that the GFW area of work spans from policy to science and Compliance. The GFW indicated their interest to be more active in the region, including with SIOFA (but subject to the availability of funds earmarked for engagements with the RFMOs in the Western Indian Ocean Region.
- *South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC)*: There has been very positive interaction between SIOFA and SWIOFC in the past year, recalling the history of the two organisations. The Secretariat has been invited to various compliance and governance-related forums since the last MoP meeting, which included:
  - Extraordinary Session of the SWIOFC

- MCS Expert Workshop to support the implementation and enhancement of Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS) provisions within the “Guidelines for Minimum Terms and Conditions for Foreign Fisheries Access in the SWIOFC region
  - Working Party on Collaboration and Cooperation in Tuna Fisheries (WPCCTF)
- IOC/SWIOFP: The Secretariat was engaged by the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) to discuss a new EU programme to support “Sustainable Western Indian Ocean” (SWIOP) in many areas related to regional fisheries governance, including capacity building and combating IUU fishing. The IOC, the EU, and the Secretariat—including the IOTC Secretariat—have been actively collaborating on drafting the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the project's Technical Assistance component. While the project will focus on providing support to three (3) beneficiary countries that are also SIOFA CCPs (Mauritius, Seychelles and Comoros), it is expected to support wider capacity-building aspirations of the Organisation.
- Participation in other Regional Meetings
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Compliance Committee and the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.
  - Exchange Visit to the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) related to the implementation of an RFMO VMS
  - FAO - Virtual Workshop on the Application of the Precautionary Approach to the Management of Deep-sea Fish Stocks

Activities related to data and information technology include:

- Management of databases and data-related tasks:
  - Processing data submissions (templates, emailing, datasets recording, data verification and formatting).
  - Updating the Catch & Effort and the Observer databases with yearly data submissions.
  - Providing data for Scientific Committee papers, Scientific Reports, external consultant studies.
  - Compiling entry-exit notifications into the database.
  - Maintaining the SIOFA Record of Authorised Vessels up to date, in the Secretariat database and on the SIOFA website.
- Attendance and Support to meetings:
  - Management of virtual meetings (Zoom), including registrations and invitations.
  - Preparation and management of meeting documents.
  - Attendance to other meetings and workshops.
- Website administration:
  - Performing backups and Drupal updates.
  - Updating website structure and pages.

- Content addition and management (adding pages, meetings and uploading documents).
  - Managing CCP and Observer users and access rights.
- IT activities:
  - Setting up Secretariat computers and installing software.
  - Managing software subscriptions and accounts.
  - Providing advice on purchasing hardware and peripherals.
  - Administration of SIOFA email accounts.
  - Communication with IT providers.

### Science-related activities (2024-2025):

#### Science projects coordination (excluding projects led by CCPs)

- Completed:
  - SER2022-TOP2 Stock structure of Patagonian toothfish (*Dissostichus eleginoides*)
  - ORY-2023-02 Orange roughy (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*) acoustics
  - ORY-2023-01 Age and growth of orange roughy (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*)
  - ORY-2024-01 Orange roughy stock assessment (2024-2025)
  - DWS-2023-02 Identification and trends in Deepwater Sharks
- Contracted and ongoing:
- PAM-2024-01 Development of the SIOFA Precautionary Approach Framework (PAF) EU grants coordination:
  - SIOFA-SEAs (now completed |)
  - SIOFA-PAM (2024-2026)
- Scientific reports preparation:
  - Overview of SIOFA Fisheries 2025
  - SIOFA Ecosystem Summary 2025
  - SIOFA Fisheries Summary: orange roughy (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*) 2025
  - SIOFA Fisheries Summary: alfonsino (*Beryx* spp., *B. splendens*, *B. decadactylus*) 2025
  - SIOFA Fisheries Summary: toothfish (*Dissostichus* spp., *D. eleginoides*, *D. mawsoni*) 2025
  - SIOFA Fisheries Summary: oilfish (*Ruvettus pretiosus*) and escolar (*Lepidocybium flavobrunneum*) 2025
  - SIOFA Fisheries Summary: hapuka (*Polyprion* spp., hapuku wreckfish *P. oxygeneios*, wreckfish *P. americanus*) 2025
  - SIOFA Fisheries Summary: common mora (*Mora moro*) 2025
  - Summary of transboundary CCAMLR and SIOFA toothfish tagging data 2025
  - Trend analysis for SIOFA toothfish 2025
  - Options for facilitating and addressing the capacity building needs of CCP developing states (Performance Review Rec 6)
  - Revisions to the SIOFA VME taxa ID list (and Annex 1 of CMM 01)
  - Status of progress towards establishing and operating a SIOFA observer programme

- Live document on history of harvest strategies development in SIOFA + glossary
- Scientific Committee processes and meetings:
  - Joint MoP-SC Workshop on the Development of Harvest Strategies (WS2024-HSS)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC-EXTRA2) and assistance to Comoros for their BFIA as instructed by MoP11
  - Scientific Committee Workshop to progress future protected area designation (WS2024-PAD)
  - Scientific Committee Workshop on Scientific Observer Forms (WS2024-OBS2)
  - Scientific Committee Workshop to progress the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management Projects (WS2025-PAM)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC10)
- Other tasks of the Scientific Officer:
  - Organisation and coordination of all Science meetings, virtual and in person, including rapporteur support when needed
  - Organisation of coordination meetings with the SC Chairs (usually on a weekly or bi-weekly basis) and support for the SC Chairs activities
  - Liaison with researchers, scientific stakeholders
  - Support for other Secretariat activities
  - CCAMLR toothfish tag data exchange analysis, toothfish stock assessment
  - RFMO scientific coordination (IOTC (WPEB, in person), and CCAMLR (SC-CAMLR-43, virtual))
  - FAO Fisheries and Resources Monitoring System (FIRMS) Coordination and associated tasks/meetings
  - FAO Deep-sea Fisheries Project (DSF II) Coordination and associated tasks/meetings

For further details on the Science Officer tasks carried out during last year, please see paper [SC-10-INFO-02](#).

### Scientific Committee Circulars

Table 2 contains a compilation of all Scientific Committee Circulars dispatched between MoP11 and MoP12. All SC Circulars are available on the SIOFA website at <https://siofa.org/science/sc-circulars>.

**Table 2:** SC Circulars sent from MoP11 to MoP12

SC Circular	Title	Date
2024-08	The 2024/25 SIOFA Scientific Committee work plan	2024-07-25

2024-09	SIOFA SC Call for project Leads and Advisory Panels nominations	2024-07-25
2024-10	Scientific Committee Workshop to progress future protected area designation (WS2024-PAD)	2024-07-29
2024-11	SIOFA SC Scientific Observer Form Workshop (WS2024-OBS2)	2024-08-19
2024-12	Update on Project ALF-2024-01 (Alfonsino age protocol development)	2024-08-19
2024-13	Final Arrangements for the Scientific Committee Workshop progress future protected area designation (WS2024-PAD)	2024-08-21
2024-14	Second extraordinary meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC-EXTRA2)	2024-08-27
2024-15	Final arrangements for the SIOFA SC Workshop on Scientific Observer Forms (WS2024-OBS2)	2024-09-03
2024-16	Second extraordinary meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC-EXTRA2)	2024-09-10
2024-17	Final arrangements for the second extraordinary meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC-EXTRA2)	2024-09-25
2024-18	Invitation to the 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee and meeting arrangements	2024-11-08
2024-19	Scientific Committee Workshop to progress the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management Projects (WS2025-PAM)	2024-11-25
2024-20	Confirmation of the Scientific Committee Workshop to progress the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management Projects (WS2025-PAM)	2024-12-19
2024-21	Provisional Annotated Agenda of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee	2024-12-19
2025-01	Revised Provisional Agenda SC10	2025-02-05
2025-02	Proposed Scientific Committee Workshops in 2025 and 2026	2025-04-17

### Preparation of SIOFA Meetings

#### A. Virtual meetings

- Monthly meetings were scheduled with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the MoP, CC, and SC. These sessions provided updates on ongoing work and addressed any emerging issues.
- Bi-weekly SC-related meetings were held with the SC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to coordinate SC tasks, oversee consultancies, prepare working groups, and plan SC meetings.

- Additionally, frequent internal meetings were convened by the Executive Secretary to allow officers to report on their activities and address any challenges. These gatherings also facilitated discussions on Secretariat organisation.
- 7 workshops were conducted virtually:
  - One Scientific Committee Workshop to progress future protected area designation (WS2024-PAD)
  - One SC Scientific Observer Form Workshop (WS2024-OBS2)
  - One Scientific Committee Workshop to progress the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management Projects (WS2025-PAM)
  - One Informal Workshop on the SIOFA CCPs Compliance Report Template (CCRT-W)
  - Three meetings of the Working Group to Support the Establishment of the SIOFA VMS (VMSWG04, VMSWG05 and VMSWG06).

B. Hybrid meetings

In accordance with the recommendation from MoP10 to prioritize face-to-face meetings, the Secretariat has aimed to minimize the use of hybrid meetings. Although Zoom access is available, it operates in a limited mode where participants cannot speak online.

Nevertheless, remote presentations by some consultants are necessary, considering the significant travel expenses for the Secretariat.

C. Annual meetings

Since the last MoP, three meetings have been organised by the Secretariat with the support of the hosting country:

- SC10 in France: The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee, was held in France, Concarneau, from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

All the participants appeared satisfied of the organisation of this meeting, and of the activities proposed, despite the difficulties to join Concarneau from Paris.

- CC9 in Mauritius: The 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SIOFA Compliance Committee will take place in Mauritius (Ebene), from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025.  
MoP12 in Mauritius: The 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties will take place in Mauritius, Ebene, from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

The CC9 and MoP12 meetings have been organised by the Secretariat with a financial support of the Mauritius Ministry. The Secretariat is grateful for this financial support explained by the increasing costs of Mauritius' hotels, that allowed SIOFA's annual meetings to be held in the Hennessy Park Hotel.

The recommendations done during the MoP10 to choose a venue with several dining options in vicinity of the meeting room place has been considered. An information note has been sent

on the 27th of March (also available on the MoP12 page on the SIOFA website) to help the participant to prepare their travel and accommodation to the Republic of Mauritius.

#### Attending meetings of other organisations

The Secretariat has also participated in meetings held by other organisations, as detailed in Table 3 below.

For the purpose of limiting the number of SIOFA Circulars, the meeting reports have been published on SIOFA website under internal communication regarding Secretariat's travels, meetings and training reports. The meeting reports are available at <https://siofa.org/internal-communication>.

**Table 3:** Meetings attended by the SIOFA Secretariat (Since the MoP11)

Meeting Title	Host Organisation	Location	Dates	Attendance	Staff	Report
20th Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (WPEB20)	IOTC	Eden Bleu Hotel, Seychelles	9-13 September 2024	In person	Science Officer	Circular-SIOFA-2024-29
Forty-third Meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC-CAMLR-43)	CCAMLR	Hobart, Tasmania	14-18 October 2024	Virtual	Science Officer	<a href="https://meetings.ccamlr.org/en/sc-camlr-43/bg/35">https://meetings.ccamlr.org/en/sc-camlr-43/bg/35</a>
Forty-third Meeting of the CCAMLR (CCAMLR-43)	CCAMLR	Hobart, Tasmania	18-25 October 2024	Virtual	Executive Secretary	<a href="https://meetings.ccamlr.org/fr/system/files?file=meeting-reports/f-cc-43-rep.pdf">https://meetings.ccamlr.org/fr/system/files?file=meeting-reports/f-cc-43-rep.pdf</a>
20 <sup>th</sup> Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics	IOTC	Cape Town, South Africa	26-30 November 2024	In person	Data Officer	<a href="https://siofa.org/internal-communication">https://siofa.org/internal-communication</a>
FAO DSF Project capacity building training workshop for scientific observer programmes in SIOFA	FAO SIOFA	Hotel Labourdonnais Waterfront, Port Louis, Mauritius	3-5 December 2024	In person	Science Officer	<a href="https://siofa.org/system/files/documents/reports_circulars/Mission%20Report-FAO-DSF-Workshop-Dec-2024.pdf">https://siofa.org/system/files/documents/reports_circulars/Mission%20Report-FAO-DSF-Workshop-Dec-2024.pdf</a>
FAO-FIRMS 9th Technical Workgroup meeting	FAO	FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy	10-13 December 2024	Virtual	Science Officer	<a href="https://siofa.org/system/files/documents/reports_circulars/Mission%20Report-FAO-FIRMS-TWG9-Dec-2024.pdf">https://siofa.org/system/files/documents/reports_circulars/Mission%20Report-FAO-FIRMS-TWG9-Dec-2024.pdf</a>

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Meeting Title	Host Organisation	Location	Dates	Attendance	Staff	Report
FAO-DSF Project Steering Committee meeting	FAO	FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy	14-16 January 2025	In person	Science Officer	<a href="https://siofa.org/system/files/documents/reports_circulars/Mission%20Report-FAO-DSF-PSC-Jan-2025.pdf">https://siofa.org/system/files/documents/reports_circulars/Mission%20Report-FAO-DSF-PSC-Jan-2025.pdf</a>
Applying the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management in ABNJ	NAFO/ICES	FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy	11-13 March 2025	In person (supported by FAO)	Science Officer	<a href="https://eafm-symposium.nafo.int/">https://eafm-symposium.nafo.int/</a>
Honiara Summit lumi Tugeda delivering on SDG 14.4: achieving sustainable fisheries	Gov. of the Solomon Islands	Honiara, Solomon Islands	24-27 February 2025	In person (supported by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation)	Executive Secretary	Circular-SIOFA-2025-04
IOTC CoC22 and S29	IOTC	Saint Denis, Reunion Island	7-9 April, 13-17 April 2025	In person	Compliance Officer	To be published on <a href="https://siofa.org/internal-communication">https://siofa.org/internal-communication</a>
Exchange visit regarding VMS	NPFC	Tokyo, Japan	21-23 April 2025	In person	Compliance Officer	To be published on <a href="https://siofa.org/internal-communication">https://siofa.org/internal-communication</a>
MCS Experts Workshop	SWIOFC	Dar-es-Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania	14-16 May 2025	In person	Compliance Officer	To be published on <a href="https://siofa.org/internal-communication">https://siofa.org/internal-communication</a>

## SIOFA Circulars

The following Circulars were used to distribute information to SIOFA Official Contacts (Table 4). These Circulars are accessible via the internal communication section of the SIOFA website (<https://siofa.org/internal-communication>). Access to this section requires logging in.

**Table 4:** Compilation of all Circulars forwarded to SIOFA Official Contacts during the period between MoP11 and MoP12.

CIRCULAR No.	SUBJECT	Date
SIOFA Circular n°2024-20	Head of Delegations Meeting MoP11	2024-06-28
SIOFA Circular n°2024-21	MoP11 Final report and Decisions	2024-07-16
SIOFA Circular n°2024-22	CMMs 2024 Technical edits	2024-07-23
SIOFA Circular n°2024-23	Information letter on the transfer of quota in Del Cano Rise 2024	2024-07-29
SIOFA Circular n°2024-24	Draft letter concerning the Cooperation between IOTC and SIOFA	2024-08-02
SIOFA Circular n°2024-25	SC Extraordinary Meeting	2024-08-06
SIOFA Circular n°2024-26	Edition of CMMs and Staff Regulation	2024-08-09
SIOFA Circular n°2024-27	Update on the second Extraordinary Meeting of the SIOFA SC	2024-08-12
SIOFA Circular n°2024-28	Letter to IOTC's Executive Secretary	2024-09-05
SIOFA Circular n°2024-29	Secretariat Mission Report – IOTC WPEB20	2024-09-24
SIOFA Circular n°2024-30	New representatives for Japan and European Union	2024-10-01
SIOFA Circular n°2024-31	Initiating Intersessional Decision relating to the renewal of the MoU with ACAP	2024-10-04
SIOFA Circular n°2024-32	VMS Hosting Options and VMS WG04	2024-10-07
SIOFA Circular n°2024-33	Entry into force of new and revised SIOFA CMM	2024-10-14
SIOFA Circular n°2024-34	MoU 2024-2030 between ACAP and SIOFA	2024-11-05
SIOFA Circular n°2024-35	IOTC Letter of Response	2024-11-08
SIOFA Circular n°2024-36	Intersessional Decision on Comoros BFIA	2024-11-18
SIOFA Circular n°2024-37	Invitation from FR OT and Financial Assistance process	2024-11-22
SIOFA Circular n°2024-38	Implementation on WR fisheries 2024-2025	2024-11-25
SIOFA Circular n°2024-39	Information letter on the second transfer of quota in Del Cano Rise 2024	2024-11-26
SIOFA Circular n°2024-40	Outcomes Intersessional Decision II regarding BFIA of Comoros	2024-12-19
SIOFA Circular n°2025-01	SIOFA IUU Vessel Cross List Update	2025-01-14
SIOFA Circular n°2025-02	PEW request SIOFA Observer	2025-01-23

SIOFA Circular n°2025-03	CCPs Compliance Report Template	2025-01-31
SIOFA Circular n°2025-04	Report on Honiara Summit	2025-03-13
SIOFA Circular n°2025-05	Transmission of Draft IUU Vessels list	2025-04-17
SIOFA Circular n°2025-06	CC9 and MoP12 Invitation letter and Provisional Agendas	2025-04-18
SIOFA Circular 2025-07	Financial-Assistance-MoP12-CC9	2025-04-25
SIOFA Circular 2025-08	SIOFA Draft Budget 2026	2025-04-29

### Intersessional Decisions

Two intersessional decisions have been organised by the MoP Chairperson and the Secretariat between MoP 11 and MoP 12.

*I. Intersessional decision 2024-I about the Memorandum of Understanding between the Meeting of the Parties (MoP) and the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP).*

The Executive secretary has received a request from the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses (ACAP) to renew the Memorandum of Understanding between the Meeting of the Parties to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement and the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrel (MoU). The original MoU, which came into effect on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2018, was signed for a duration of 6 years, meaning that it will expire on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2024.

The Participants have been required to review the operation of the MoU and decide whether it will be renewed or amended. The outcome of this Intersessional decision 2024-1 has been that "The Meeting of the Parties of the SIOFA (Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement) reaffirms its support to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrel and agrees that the Chairperson of the MoP to sign the MoU below for a new period of 6 years. According with rule 13.10 of the Rules of Procedure, the date for the new MoU to become effective will be set at the date of the signature between SIOFA chairperson and the Executive Secretary of ACAP".

The MoU is available on SIOFA website at <https://siofa.org/about-siofa/international-cooperation/ACAP>

*II. Intersessional decision 2024-II about the validation of the COMOROS Bottom Fishing Impact Assessment (BFIA).*

An intersessional decision has been made in December 2024 concerning Comoros BFIA under CMM 01(2024) (Interim Management of Bottom Fishing).

In accordance with the MoP decision in MoP11 Final Report paragraph 288, the Secretariat provided support to Comoros in the development of its BFIA and the MoP has used an intersessional decision to evaluate the BFIA and consider any future participation of that vessel in that fishery. The intersessional decision is the following:

Pursuant to CMM 01(2024) paragraph 31, that the Comoros BFIA is acceptable and the vessel *FV Rinascente* may be authorized by Comoros to fish in the Agreement Area, subject to the following conditions:

- a) The vessel shall be subject to a maximum Total Allowable Catch of 300 tonnes (all crustacean species combined) annually
- b) The vessel shall be subject to a maximum Total Allowable Effort of 150 days per calendar year and a maximum of 14 days fishing per seamount per trip
- c) When significant quantities of VME indicator taxa are found (SIOFA CMM 01 Annex 1) in or attached to traps more than 1% of the total lobster weight per trap or more than 0.2 kilo, whichever is reached first, the vessel will move on to the next fishing site
- d) That SC10 and MoP12 review the fishery at the annual meetings in 2025.”

The outcome of the intersessional decision has been published under SIOFA Circular 2024-40. The vessel *FV Rinascente* may be authorized by Comoros to fish in the Agreement area, subject to the condition stipulated in the Chair’s proposed decision, starting from the date of this Circular up to the timing when MoP12 reviews the subject matter.

### Staff Management

Particularities of SIOFA’s Secretariat, such as civil status of the staff or the presence of the headquarters in French overseas territories, represented a tricky challenge when trying to find civil and business insurances to cover non-French staff members.

### Cocktail dinner at SIOFA premises

In conjunction to the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the IOTC Commission and with the Chair’s approval, the Secretariat organised an informal cocktail dinner in SIOFA’s premises in La Réunion to gather the Secretariats’ staffs, IOTC delegates and SIOFA delegates and discuss on mutual objectives. The cocktail was also the opportunity to encourage coastal states bordering the Area to join SIOFA.

### Staff development and training

French and English lessons were given to non-French or non-English native speaker staff.

## Annex 1

The table below gather the tasks assigned to the Secretariat by the CC8, the MoP11 and the Performance Review Pannel. The tasks assigned by the SC9 has been assessed by the SC10 in the document SC-10-XX.

The table answers to a “traffic light” colour system to rapidly visualize the status of the tasks with the aim to identify tasks that warrant further attention from the MoP and the Secretariat. The tasks completed are marked in green, the tasks in progress in yellow and the tasks not completed in red.

Ref. (para)	Task required	Secretariat Actions
CC8-39	The CC agreed that the appropriate future procedure would be for the Secretariat to prepare a working paper summarising all recommendations from the most recent SC meeting that are of relevance to the CC.	CC-09-17-SC10-Report-Recommendations
CC9-103	Regarding recommendation 31, the CC tasked the Secretariat to assess the capacity building needed in order to improve CCPs’ implementation of their obligations, prioritizing the most urgent, and to present a paper to CC9 with options for ensuring appropriate assistance is provided to CCPs that require it.	CCPs were consulted by the Executive Secretary on 29 November 2024 to provide information on their needs in terms of capacity building matters. The paper CC-09-15 addresses the needs pointed out by the CCPs related to Compliance.
MoP11-18	The MoP REQUESTED that the Secretariat present a working paper to MoP12 with an overview of the criteria and process by which papers are classified as working papers or information papers and for determining whether papers should be made public or their access restricted. The MoP REQUESTED that the Secretariat indicate the potential implications for the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the MoP when preparing the paper and highlight any relevant provisions from the RoP.	A SIOFA Meeting Documents Policy has been drafted in working paper MoP-12-23.

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Ref. (para)	Task required	Secretariat Actions
MoP11-34	The MoP noted paragraph 35 of the CC8 report regarding the holding of an informal workshop for CCPs, arranged by the Secretariat in consultation with the CC Chairpersons, around one month before the deadline for the submission of CCPs' self-assessments so that CCPs can seek clarification and assistance in filling out the new template.	CCRT-W Workshop was held on 4 March 2025.
MoP11-36	The MoP ENDORSED the CC8 recommendation tasking the Secretariat to develop a paper for CC9 to identify the capacity building needs of developing states, including where technical assistance of otherwise is needed in the implementation of obligations arising from the Agreement. This should include the identification of mechanisms to provide such assistance. The Secretariat should consult CCPs for the development of this paper.	7 identified CCPs were consulted in September 2024 by the Executive Secretary and their responses were addressed in different working papers: SC-10-24 CC-09-15 MoP-12-25
MoP11-42	The MoP ADOPTED the proposed roadmap towards the operationalization of the SIOFA VMS (Annex I) and AGREED to task the intersessional VMS Working Group (VMS-WG) to continue its work.	3 VMS-WG were conducted since MoP11 (VMS-WG04; VMS-WG05; VMS-WG06).
MoP11-45	The MoP NOTED the potential implications of adopting the proposed SSPs for other SIOFA CMMs and SIOFA policies as described in MoP-11-20 (Annex J) and AGREED to task the VMS-WG to continue its work.	3 VMS-WG were conducted since MoP11 (VMS-WG04; VMS-WG05; VMS-WG06).
MoP11-48	The MoP NOTED paragraph 59 of the CC8 report and NOTED that the CC agreed to remove the IMULA 1844 MTR from the draft IUU Vessel List and did not recommend any changes to the provisional IUU Vessel List.	IMULA 1844 MTR has been removed from the IUU Vessel List. <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/SIOFA-IUU-Vessels-List-2025-02-14.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/SIOFA-IUU-Vessels-List-2025-02-14.pdf</a>

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MoP11-50	The MoP NOTED that Sri Lanka had provided the information requested by MoP10 to demonstrate that the IMULA 1655 MTR and IMULA 1783 MTR did not engage in fishing for SIFA fisheries resources and the criteria listed in paragraph 14 CMM 06(2022) (IUU Vessel List) have been fulfilled, hence the MoP AGREED to remove the IMULA 1655 MTR and IMULA 1783 MTR from the Provisional IUU Vessel List.	The IMULA 1655 MTR and IMULA 1783 MTR have been removed for the IUU Vessel List. <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/SIOFA-IUU-Vessels-List-2025-02-14.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/SIOFA-IUU-Vessels-List-2025-02-14.pdf</a>
MoP11-80	The MoP ENDORSED the Overview of SIOFA Fisheries (MoP-11-07 rev2) and REQUESTED the Secretariat to make a public version of it, with confidential information removed, available on the SIOFA website.	Available on SIOFA Website: <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-Fisheries-Overview-2024_redacted.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-Fisheries-Overview-2024_redacted.pdf</a>
MoP11-83	The MoP NOTED the recommendation in paragraph 90 of the SC9 report, ENDORSED the SIOFA ecosystem summary (MoP-11-08), and REQUESTED the Secretariat to make a public version of it, with confidential information removed, available on the SIOFA website.	Available on SIOFA Website: <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-Ecosystem-Summary-2024.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-Ecosystem-Summary-2024.pdf</a>
MoP11-84	The MoP NOTED the recommendation in paragraph 168 of the SC9 report, ENDORSED the fishery summary for orange roughy ( <i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i> ) 2024 (MoP-11-09), and REQUESTED the Secretariat to make a public version of it, with confidential information removed, available on the SIOFA website.	Available on SIOFA Website: <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-ORY-Fisheries-Summary-2024_redacted.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-ORY-Fisheries-Summary-2024_redacted.pdf</a>
MoP11-85	The MoP NOTED the recommendation in paragraph 190 of the SC9 report, ENDORSED the fishery summary for alfonsino ( <i>Beryx</i> spp.) 2024 (MoP-11-10), and REQUESTED the Secretariat to make a public version of it, with confidential information removed, available on the SIOFA website.	Available on SIOFA Website: <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-ALF-Fisheries-Summary-2024.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-ALF-Fisheries-Summary-2024.pdf</a>

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MoP11-86	The MoP NOTED the recommendation in paragraph 221 of the SC9 report, ENDORSED the fishery summary for toothfish ( <i>Dissostichus</i> spp.) 2024 (MoP-11-11), and REQUESTED the Secretariat to make a public version of it, with confidential information removed, available on the SIOFA website.	Available on SIOFA Website: <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-TOT-Fisheries-Summary-2024_redacted.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-TOT-Fisheries-Summary-2024_redacted.pdf</a>
MoP11-87	The MoP NOTED the recommendation in paragraph 232 of the SC9 report, ENDORSED the fishery summary for oilfish ( <i>Ruvettus pretiosus</i> ) and escolar ( <i>Lepidocybium flavobrunneum</i> ) 2024 (MoP-11-12), and REQUESTED the Secretariat to make a public version of it, with confidential information removed, available on the SIOFA website.	Available on SIOFA Website: <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-OIL-LEC-Fisheries-Summary-2024.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-OIL-LEC-Fisheries-Summary-2024.pdf</a>
MoP11-88	The MoP NOTED the recommendation in paragraph 236 of the SC9 report, ENDORSED the fishery summary for hapuka ( <i>Polyprion</i> spp., hapuku wreckfish <i>P. oxygeneios</i> , wreckfish <i>P. americanus</i> ) 2024 (MoP-11-13), and REQUESTED the Secretariat to make a public version of it, with confidential information removed, available on the SIOFA website.	Available on SIOFA Website: <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-HAU-Fisheries-Summary-2024.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-HAU-Fisheries-Summary-2024.pdf</a>
MoP11-89	The MoP NOTED the recommendation in paragraph 240 of the SC9 report, ENDORSED the fishery summary for common mora ( <i>Mora moro</i> ) 2024 (MoP-11-14), and REQUESTED the Secretariat to make a public version of it, with confidential information removed, available on the SIOFA website.	Available on SIOFA Website: <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-RIB-Fisheries-Summary-2024.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-RIB-Fisheries-Summary-2024.pdf</a>
MoP11-109	The MoP NOTED that the R.V. Dr Fridtjof Nansen has conducted research cruises in the Agreement Area in the past, REQUESTED that the Nansen Programme share data and key reports arising from these past research cruises, and TASKED the SC to review these data and reports.	2 sets of data collected by past cruises have been provided to the Secretariat in March 2025. A summary report regarding this data will be provided to the next SC meeting, in 2026.  The SC approved the draft work plan SC-10-59-Rev1 subject to further development.

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MoP11-145	The MoP NOTED paragraph 13 of the WS2024-HSS Conveners report regarding the usefulness of paper WSHSPA-2023-01 for tracking SIOFA's progress in developing harvest strategies and TASKED the Secretariat to regularly update this information and present it to future meetings and workshops where harvest strategies are to be discussed.	The Secretariat presented paper <a href="#">SC-10-28-Live-Document-HS-SIOFA-Glossary</a> at SC10
MoP11-157	The Science Officer explained that the Secretariat, working together with the SC and its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, has been successful in applying for an EU funding opportunity to support SIOFA's harvest strategy development work, which comprises three components: development of a SIOFA Precautionary Approach Framework, research on biological reference points, and the development of harvest strategies for key SIOFA fish stocks. He informed the MoP that, as the next step, the Secretariat and the SC Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons will draft terms of reference for consultancies to advance this work.	All ToR have been drafted in consultation with the SC, and work for SIOFA-PAM has been contracted, see: <a href="https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-01">https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-01</a> <a href="https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-02">https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-02</a> <a href="https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-03">https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-03</a> <a href="https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-04">https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-04</a>
MoP11-194	The MoP TASKED the Secretariat to prepare a paper describing the data required to be collected by CCPs, the data required to be reported to the Secretariat, and the differences between the two types of data.	See MoP-12-29
MoP11-196	The MoP tasked the Secretariat to develop Terms of Reference for a consultancy or the development of the SIOFA ISSP that would be presented to CC9 for the CC to review and provide recommendations on to the MoP.	The Draft Terms of Reference for a consultancy to develop the SIOFA Information System Security Policy has been prepared and is available in working paper MoP-12-22.
MoP11-219	The MoP TASKED the Secretariat to make any necessary technical edits arising from the deletion of paragraph 26 of CMM 15(2023) and renumbering of subsequent paragraphs in the CMM, including cross-references to CMM15.	Technical edits have been undertaken with the CMMs technical edits process that followed the MoP11 in July 2024.
MoP11-237	The MoP reviewed and ADOPTED amendments to the Terms of Reference of the SC regarding dates for the submission of documents as described in MoP-11-44 rev1.	Updated ToR published in July 2024, see <a href="https://siofa.org/science/scientific-committee">https://siofa.org/science/scientific-committee</a>

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MoP11-240	The MoP TASKED the Secretariat to produce a report whenever the Secretariat attends a meeting of another regional organisation and to provide this to CCPs through a SIOFA Circular.	Meeting reports have been circulated on SIOFA website. <a href="https://siofa.org/internal-communication">https://siofa.org/internal-communication</a>
MoP11-241	The MoP TASKED the Secretariat to make SIOFA website meetings pages more user-friendly, including by: a. adding a function to allow all meeting documents to be downloaded at once. b. providing users who gave access to restricted/confidential documents only with the full, restricted/confidential file, rather than both the restricted/confidential version and the public domain version.	The Secretariat has recruited a consultant to improve the website, and the meeting documents classification and management. This work is in progress and will modernize the website and provide more flexibility regarding future meetings and documents access.
MoP11-246	The MoP TASKED the Secretariat with developing a paper on options for facilitating and addressing the capacity building needs of CCP developing states to be considered by the next SC, CC, and MoP meetings. The scope of the paper should encompass a broad range of areas as commented by the SC in relation to recommendation 6 of the SIOFA Performance Review.	A paper <a href="#">on Capacity Building within SIOFA</a> was presented to SC10 in 2025 (SC-10-24), to the CC9 (CC-09-15) and to the MoP12 (MoP-12-25).
MoP11-247	The MoP RECOMMENDED the establishment of a standing agenda item on the implementation of Article 13 of the Agreement. The MoP tasked the Secretariat, in preparation for the next SC, CC and MoP meetings to develop a paper that outlines the existing mechanisms to provide support to developing States and other relevant information relating to Article 13.	The Secretariat presented a paper to the SC10 ( <a href="#">SC-10-25-SIOFA-Existing-Mechanisms-Support-Article-13</a> ), to the CC9 (CC-09-14) and to the MoP (MoP-12-24)
MoP11-273	The MoP REQUESTED that the Executive Secretary prepare a letter on behalf of the MoP, in consultation with the MoP Chairperson and CCPs, to convey the MoP's position to the IOTC Executive Secretary.	The Executive Secretary has prepared a letter on behalf the MoP (Circular 2024-28) and a response has been received from the IOTC Executive Secretary (Circular 2024-35)

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MoP11-288.a	Provided the BFIA for lobster trap fishing is received, the MoP AGREED on the following process regarding Comoros BFIA: The Secretariat will provide support to Comoros in the development of the BFIA.	Support has been provided by the Science Officer in August 2024.
MoP11-288.b	The SC may assess the BFIA in an extraordinary meeting as per the RoP, to be held virtually, and provide recommendations and advice to the MoP.	The MoP has used an intersessional decision to evaluate the BFIA and consider any future participation of that vessel in that fishery in December 2024.
MoP11-288.c	The MoP may use an intersessional decision, as per the RoP, to evaluate the BFIA and consider any future participation of that vessel in that fishery	Intersessional Decisions 2024-36 and 2024-40
MoP11-288. d	The MoP and SC Chairpersons will closely consult with CCPs on the timelines for this process to minimise the additional burden placed on them.	Several exchanges have been done between the SC Chairperson, the Chair and the Chair to minimise the additional burden due to this process
MoP11-303	The MoP thanked SIODFA for its offer. The MoP noted the usefulness of the documents in the archive, some of which pre-date SIOFA's existence, and believed that they would be beneficial for SIOFA to have.	A paper was provided to the MoP with ToR and the budget. MoP-11-INFO-13 Rev1
PR. Reco 4	20. The SC endorsed Recommendation Nr 4 and noted that work is ongoing to make this information available on the SIOFA website and that the SC has discussed developing the VME Guide further with additional species. 21. The SC endorsed the medium priority assigned to this recommendation.	Note the proposed SC VME focused session in 2025. Note work on the SIOFA VME Classification Guide (SC-10-26). Publication has been made by the Secretariat on the website. <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/documents/cmm/SIOFA-VME-taxa-guide-2025.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/documents/cmm/SIOFA-VME-taxa-guide-2025.pdf</a>
PR. Reco 25	88. The Compliance Committee (CC7) expressed its general support for Recommendation Nr 25. Some CCPs had different interpretations of the definition of "demarches" but agreed that, if possible landings or transshipments of SIOFA species are found to have occurred at ports placed under the jurisdiction of non-	The Secretariat reiterate sends annually an invitation to coastal states to join the Agreement as CP or CNCP. In 2025, reminders were sent to South Africa, Sri Lanka,

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	CCPs, the Secretariat should contact the relevant port States to request they become CCPs or cooperate with SIOFA as appropriate.	Tanzania, Mozambique, Maldives, Kenya, Indonesia, Madagascar, India, Comoros.  The Secretariat reviews the inspections reports that are provided by other parties.
PR. Reco 25	89. The Chairperson of the Review Panel clarified that the key element of the investigation is the need to investigate possible landings or transshipments of SIOFA species at ports placed under the jurisdiction of non-CCPs.	CC recommends that the Secretariat widens the scope of information it collects to conduct this analysis, including information already available from other organisations (e.g. FAO statistics) To this end, the Secretariat undertook consultations with the FAO as well as several relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Despite these efforts, no suitable or verifiable port landing data were made available to the Secretariat during the reporting period. As a result, it was not possible to complete the analysis as requested by CC08.]
PR. Reco 31	97. The Compliance Committee endorsed Recommendation Nr 31 and noted that the identification of capacity gaps is an essential part of an effective CMS.	CC8 recognized the need for capacity building within the CCPs' delegations, which in part could be addressed by the workshop on the usage of the new CCR template. See paper SC-10-24. [Capacity building options presented to CC09 through paper <a href="#">CC-09-15</a> and to MoP12 through paper MoP-12-25
PR. Reco 33	65. The SC endorsed Recommendation Nr 33 and supported improving communication around data collection, noting that the currently ongoing project on Harmonisation of Scientific Observer Programmes (Annex F, SC8 Report) would address some aspects of this recommendation. 66. The SC endorsed the medium priority assigned to this recommendation.	Collaboration with CCAMLR is ongoing under the SIOFA-CCAMLR Arrangement. Project SEC2022-OBS1 and the observer harmonisation workshop (WS2024-OBS) have made recommendations for the consideration by SC9 on observer manuals and data reporting systems.

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Ref. (para)	Task required	Secretariat Actions
PR. Reco 41	MoP recommends that CNCPs attend to the Compliance Committee meetings.	The Executive Secretary send a Circular on 18 April 2025 inviting CCPs and CNCPs to attend CC9 and MoP12. Circular-SIOFA-2025-06 available on SIOFA Website. <a href="https://siofa.org/system/files/documents/reports_circulars/Circular-SIOFA-2025-06_CC9-MoP12-Invitation-letter-and-Provisional-agendas.pdf">https://siofa.org/system/files/documents/reports_circulars/Circular-SIOFA-2025-06_CC9-MoP12-Invitation-letter-and-Provisional-agendas.pdf</a>