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## SC-CIRCULAR n° 2021-11

### **Subject: Joint SIOFA-CCAMLR Workshop on the exchange of scientific toothfish data**

Dear Heads of Delegation of the SIOFA Scientific Committee,  
Dear Representatives to the CCAMLR Scientific Committee,  
Dear Colleagues

We invite CCPs of the SIOFA Scientific Committee and Members of CCAMLR Scientific Committee to the **Joint SIOFA-CCAMLR Workshop on the exchange of scientific toothfish data**, to be held via video conference at **0600–1000 UTC on the Monday 29 November and Wednesday 1 December 2021**.

The workshop will focus on the development of mechanisms for the annual exchange of toothfish (*Dissostichus spp.*) data between CCAMLR and SIOFA for participating SIOFA CCPs and CCAMLR Members — specifically relevant catch, effort, scientific observer data, and tagging data that could be used in stock assessments of the Toothfish stocks that straddle or potentially straddle the two Areas (Figure 1).

The workshop will be co-convened by Dr Dirk Welsford (CCAMLR Scientific Committee Chair) and Mr Alistair Dunn (SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair).

This workshop is being held as a part of the <sup>1</sup>CCAMLR-SIOFA Arrangement and focus on developing the specifications for an annual exchange of toothfish (*Dissostichus spp.*) data between SIOFA and CCAMLR for participating SIOFA CCPs and CCAMLR Members — specifically the relevant catch, effort, scientific observer, and tagging data that could be used in stock assessments of the toothfish stocks that straddle or potentially straddle the two Areas.

We note that the workshop be conducted online (i.e., by video conference). The workshop videoconference be hosted by the SIOFA Secretariat on ZOOM.

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.apsoi.org/about-siofa/international-cooperation/CCAMLR> and/or <https://www.ccamlr.org/en/document/organisation/arrangement-siofa>.

## **Registration**

Scientists, representatives of CCPs and CNCPs of SIOFA and Members of CCAMLR are invited to complete the registration form attached (Annex 3) and return it to the SIOFA secretariat ([secretariat@siofa.org](mailto:secretariat@siofa.org)) by 24th November 2021.

## **Workshop website**

Information and papers for the workshop will be hosted on the SIOFA website at <http://apsoi.org/meetings/westd>

## **Video conference platform**

The workshop will be held using the ZOOM platform. The connection link will be sent by the Secretariat two days before the date of the meeting.

If you are not familiar with this platform or wish to test your connection, please contact the Secretariat by 20th November to organize a basic ZOOM session or a pre-call test. The platform will be open 30 minutes before the beginning of each session to establish connections.

## **Provisional Agenda**

Three items were suggested by participants for inclusion into the provisional agenda:

- a summary of the current arrangements for data exchange between SIOFA and CCAMLR (Agenda item 4(a)),
- the addition of SIOFA Area 7 (Agenda item 4(c)(ii)), and
- sharing arrangements for toothfish tagging protocols (Agenda item 6(a)).

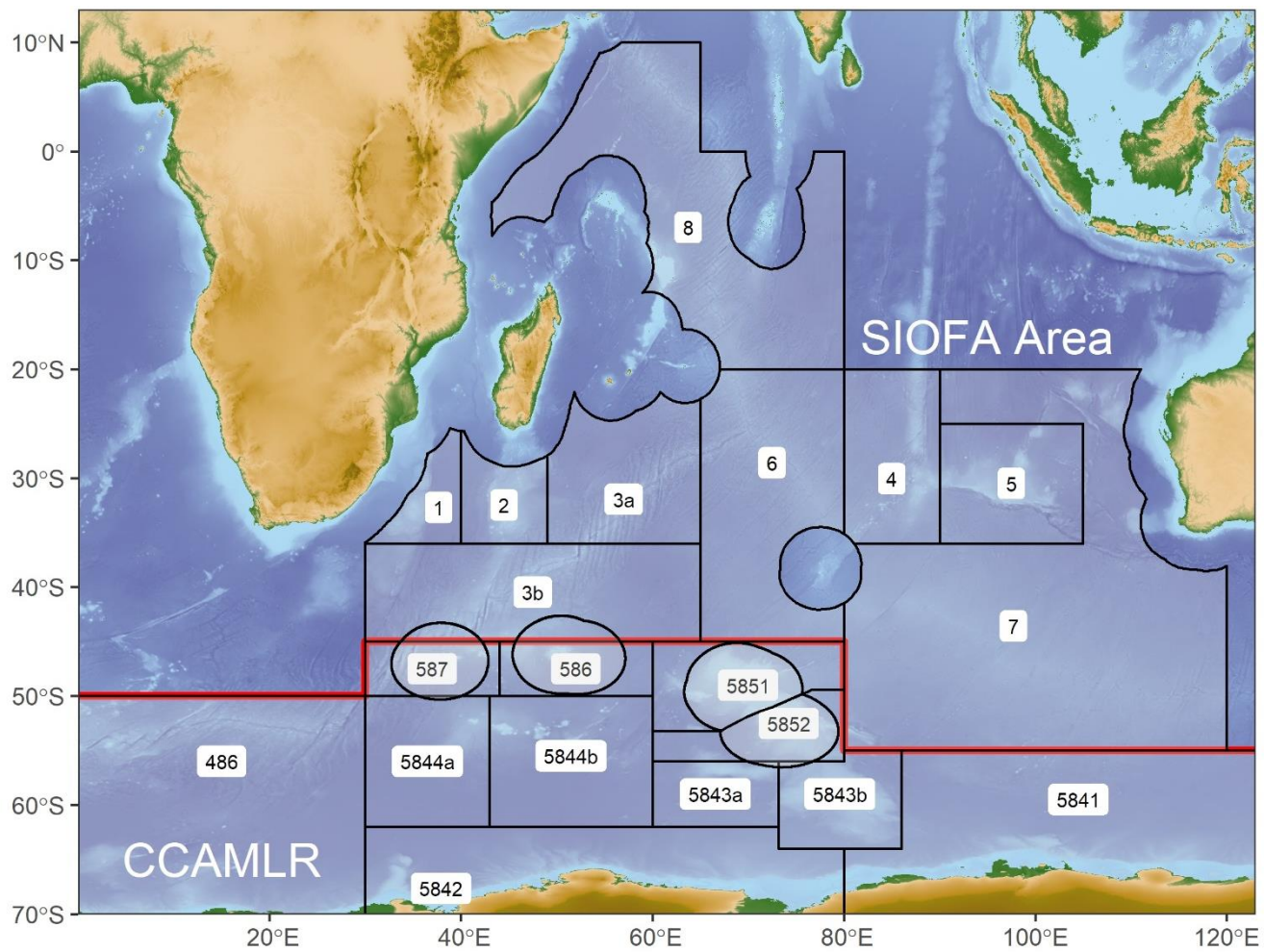
The revised provisional agenda and working arrangements are detailed below in Annex 1 and Annex 2.

Sincerely yours,



Alistair DUNN

Chairperson of the Scientific Committee  
SIOFA/APSOI



**Figure 1: The Indian Ocean sector of CCAMLR and the SIOFA area.**

## **Annex 1**

### **Provisional Agenda**

#### **1. Opening of the Joint SIOFA-CCAMLR Workshop on the exchange of scientific toothfish data**

#### **2. Administrative arrangements**

- a. Adoption of the meeting objectives and agenda
- b. Appointment of rapporteurs

#### **3. Workshop objectives and agenda**

#### **4. Development of the specifications for the data to be exchanged**

- a. Summary of current arrangements for data exchange between SIOFA and CCAMLR
- b. Data for tagged toothfish released and recaptured tagged toothfish where either the release or recapture occurred in the SIOFA Area.

The exchange of data may include the relevant date, location (lat/long), depth, tag information details (colour, text, number, inscription), toothfish catch and effort records, and scientific observer data including length, sex, and maturity data.

- i. Observer data
  - ii. Catch and effort data
- c. Total toothfish catch summaries across the following areas:
- i. CCAMLR: Subareas 58.7 and 58.6, Divisions 58.5.1, 58.5.2, 58.4.3b and 58.4.1.
  - ii. SIOFA: Area 3b except Del Cano Rise, Del Cano Rise (as defined in SIOFA CMM 2021/15), Area 6, and Area 7.

#### **5. Development of a data exchange agreement**

#### **6. Other business related to data exchange of scientific toothfish data**

- a. Sharing arrangements for toothfish tagging protocols

#### **7. Meeting close**

## Annex 2

### Meeting schedule

UTC	Session 1: 29 November 2021	Session 2: 1 December 2021
0600 – 0630	1. Meeting opening and welcome 2. Administrative arrangements 3. Workshop objectives and agenda	Summary and issues arising from Session 1
0630 – 0800	4. Development of the specifications for the data to be exchanged (a) Summary of data exchange arrangements (b) Data for tagged toothfish released and recaptured tagged toothfish where either the release or recapture occurred in the SIOFA Area. 4(b)(i) Observer data 4(b)(ii) Catch effort data	5. Discussion of a data exchange agreement
0800 – 0830	Break	Break
0830—1000	4(b)(i—ii) continued 4(c) Total toothfish catch summaries 4(c)(i) CCAMLR: Subareas 58.7 and 58.6, Divisions 58.5.1, 58.5.2, 58.4.3b and 58.4.1. 4(c)(ii) SIOFA: Area 3b except Del Cano Rise, Del Cano Rise (as defined in SIOFA CMM 2019/15), and Area 6 & 7.	6. Other business related to data exchange 6(a) Sharing arrangements for the toothfish tagging protocols  7. Meeting close

**Annex 3**  
**(This registration form is also available on SIOFA Website)**

**Registration form for the Joint CCAMLR/SIOFA Workshop on the Exchange of Scientific Toothfish Data**

**1st Virtual Meeting by Videoconference – Monday 29 November 2021 (06am to 10am UTC)**

**2nd Virtual Meeting by Videoconference – Wednesday 01 December 2021 (06am to 10am UTC)**

<b><u>State/Entity/Organisation:</u></b> (Indicate if registering as a CCAMLR member and/or CCP of SIOFA)									
No.	First name	Last name	Title	Position*	Organisation	Email	Phone number  <i>in case of technical issue</i>	<i>Please indicate which meetings each participant will participate</i>	
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\*eg HoD, Alternate, etc.