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Scientific Committee

La Réunion, Wednesday 7th of September 2022

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SUBJECT: Intersessional Workshop the development of ecosystem and fisheries summaries (WS2022-SUM1)

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues,

As requested by SC7 and MoP8, the SIOFA Secretariat has been drafting Ecosystem and Fisheries Summary Reports (para 43 & 44 of MoP8 (2022)):

43. The SC ENDORSED the SERAWG's request that the Secretariat and the SC Chair work in consultation with CCPs over the intersessional period to further develop the fishery report template and present draft fisheries summaries at SERAWG5, with particular emphasis on toothfish, alfonsino, orange roughy, oilfish (*Ruvettus pretiosus* (OIL) and *Lepidocybium flavobrunneum* (LEC)), *Nemadactylus macropterus* (TAK), *Polyprion americanus* (WRF) and *Polyprion oxygeneios* (WHA).
44. The SC ENDORSED the Protected Areas and Ecosystems Working Group's (PAEWG's) request that the Secretariat and the SC Chair work in consultation with CCPs over the intersessional period to further develop the ecosystem report template and present a draft ecosystem summary at PAEWG5.

To progress the arrangements for the Intersessional Workshop the Development of Ecosystem and Fisheries Summaries (WS2022-SUM1), the Chair and vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee have proposed an agenda and timetable. Outcomes from the workshop would be a report to be considered by the Scientific Committee at SC8 in March 2023.

Discussion on the content and format of the proposed Ecosystem and Fisheries Summary reports will be carried out in a focused workshop held over two days on Tuesday 27th September and Tuesday 6th December 2022.

We invite all Scientific Committee HoDs to provide any suggestions or comments on the proposed meeting objectives, agenda, or timetable for the workshop to the SIOFA Science Officer (marco.milardi@siofa.org) on behalf of the Scientific Committee Chair with any comments by 20 September 2022.

Sincerely yours,

Alistair Dunn – SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair

**SIOFA WORKSHOP on the
Development of Ecosystem and Fisheries Summaries (WS2022-SUM1)**

Proposed Agenda and Working Arrangements

1. Proposed Objective

To provide feedback and advice to the SIOFA Secretariat on the draft ecosystem and fisheries summaries for presentation to SC8

2. Proposed Agenda

1. Opening of the workshop on the Development of Ecosystem and Fisheries Summaries (WS-DEFS)
2. Administrative arrangements
 - a. Adoption of the meeting objectives and agenda
 - b. Appointment of rapporteurs
3. Determination of the workshop objectives and agenda
4. Introduction of the Ecosystem and Fisheries Summary Reports
 - a. Consideration of the Ecosystem Summary Report
 - b. Consideration of the Fisheries Summary Reports
5. Recommendations on further development
6. Items for consideration at the WS-DEFS meeting on 6th December 2022

3. Working arrangements

We propose that

1. the meeting be open to all Members of the Scientific Committee, including Observers to the Scientific Committee
2. That the intersessional workshop be conveyed by the Chair of the Scientific Committee
3. That the intersessional workshop meets via online video conference for two days, with each day being a 4-hour video conference session to address the agenda items, and
4. A draft of the Ecosystem and Fisheries Summary Reports will be circulated to SC HoDs prior to the meeting
5. The Convener provide a short report to SC8 along with draft Ecosystem and Fisheries Summary reports as SC8 Working Papers in accordance with SIOFA reporting requirements for Scientific Committee meetings.
6. Discussions will be held under Chatham House rules (i.e., presentations, papers, and individual comments would not be attributed). No meeting notes are to be distributed, but SC HoDs comments on the draft Ecosystem and Fisheries Summary reports will be addressed in revised versions.

7. Final drafts of the Ecosystem and Fisheries Summary reports will be submitted to SC8 for consideration by the Scientific Committee.

4. Timetable

- 1. 14 September 2022**

In preparation for the workshop, the SIOFA Secretariat will distribute draft copies of the Ecosystem and Fisheries Summaries by 14th September 2022 for consideration by the workshop.

- 2. 23 September 2022**

Deadline for registration of participants to the workshop

- 3. 0600–1000 UTC on Tuesday 27 September 2022 and Tuesday 6 December 2022**

Meeting of the workshop via videoconference

- 4. 16 January 2023**

Distribution of draft convener's report and revised versions of the Ecosystem and Fisheries Summary reports to participants for review and finalise for submission to SC8

- 5. 30 January 2023**

Deadline for the submission of participant comments