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La Reunion, Thursday 10th February 2022

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SUBJECT: Submission of Proposals for the 4th Protected Area and Ecosystems Working Group

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,
Dear Colleagues

The 4th Protected Area and Ecosystems Working Group (PAEWG 4) is scheduled to begin on 7th March 2022. Please find attached an updated provisional agenda that lists the papers that may be discussed at this meeting.

While the rules of procedure (rule 10 para 5) require proposals submitted to PAEWG 4 be made available to Official contacts 25 days before the beginning of the meeting, there has been a short delay in making the proposal papers available on the meeting website. I hope to be able to finalise all the proposal papers over the next few days, and I will advise you as soon as they are available.

I do apologise for the delay in making these papers available, and I hope this will not affect your ability to review these papers in time for the upcoming PAEWG 4 meeting on 7th March.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any clarification.

Sincerely yours,

The Scientific Committee Chairperson



Alistair DUNN

4th Meeting of the SIOFA Protected Areas and Ecosystems Working Group (PAEWG4)
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3. Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME) 3.1. VME taxa list (proposals for taxa revision/inclusion) 3.2. VME encounter thresholds 3.3. VME mapping (project PAE2020-02)	PAEWG-04-INFO-01 Bycatch-thresholds-settings-SIODFA <i>PAEWG-04-INFO-XX VME threshold EU (ref document PAEWG-01-16 from EU)</i> PAEWG-04-09 VME mapping progress report
4. Bio-regionalisation and VME's project (Project PAE2021-01) 4.1. Holistic framework for VMEs 4.2. Benthic Bio-regionalisation	PAEWG-04-10 Bioregionalization and VME-project (progress-report)
5. Management of other system component (seabirds and mammals) 5.1. Presentation of project PAE2021-02 (ToR1, seabirds and mammals)	PAEWG-04-06 PAE202102 ToR1 seabird mammal-ERAEF (consultant report)
6. Bottom Fishing Impact Assessments (BFIA) 6.1. Saya de Malha bank study (project SER2021-03, ToR2) 6.2. Final report BFIA (Project PAE2020-01, Mormede 2021)	PAEWG-04-11 Saya De Malha ToR2 Bottom Impact Assessment <i>PAEWG-04-05 BFIA trawl longline (consultant report) *</i>
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9. Consideration of PAEWG work plan and resource requirements 9.1. Development of fishery and ecosystem reports (Project SEC2021-07) 9.2. Future workplan update (2022-2024) 9.3. Consideration of the EU-grant and other funding allocation 9.4. The Scientific Committee workplan and budget	<p><i>PAEWG-04-XX SIOFA fishing footprint update (Secretariat)*</i></p> <p><i>PAEWG-04-INFO-XX Summary on the current EU funded activities (Gary Morgan)</i></p> <p><i>PAEWG-04-07 SIOFA-fishery-summary-template (ORY)*</i> <i>PAEWG-04-08 SIOFA-ecosystem-summary-report*</i></p> <p>PAEWG-04-INFO-02-Proposal-SEP-210826169</p> <p><i>PAEWG-04-XX SC workplan</i> <i>PAEWG-04-INFO-XX (ref SC Circ 2021-10)</i></p>
10. Other business 10.1. Appointment a new Co-chair/Vice-Chair of the PAEWG 10.2. Future meeting arrangements	
11. Adoption of the meeting report	
12. Close of meeting	

*Awaiting website publication status