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La Réunion, Monday 4th April 2022

**SC- CIRCULAR n° 2022-17**

**SUBJECT: SC Workplan items prioritisation**

Dear SC Heads of Delegation,

Dear Colleagues,

Following the discussions at the 7<sup>th</sup> SIOFA Scientific Committee meeting, the SC agreed to assign priority scores to each of the proposed research activities in the SC workplan for consideration by the MoP. Due to time constraints, the SC agreed to assign these priorities by email.

Please find attached a copy of the SC workplan and the scoring table (Table 1) that were agreed at SC7 (also available in the SC7 report on the SIOFA website).

SC HoDs are requested to submit their priority scores via email to the SIOFA Science Officer ([marco.milardi@siofa.org](mailto:marco.milardi@siofa.org)) by 09:00 UTC on Monday 2nd May 2022.

In particular, the SC Chair would like to bring your attention to the number of scientific meetings that are proposed for the intersessional period, specifically those scheduled to occur before the MoP meeting this year. It would be helpful for scheduling if SC HoDs could consider these meetings in their prioritisation and propose how they wish to schedule, or possibly combine, these meetings.

A Microsoft Excel copy of the SC workplan (Annex G of the SC7 report) is attached, with the addition of the two columns for SC HoDs to record their *Importance* (low, medium, or high) and *Feasibility* (low, medium, or high) scores.

All responses received from CCPs by 09:00 UTC on Monday 2nd May 2022 will be used to rank each project by their average scores using the scoring system in Table 1. The SC Chair and the Secretariat will present the SC workplan, along with the priority rankings to the MoP, at their meeting in July, for their consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Alistair Dunn

SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair

**Table 1: SC workplan project priority scoring table. Colours represent priority rankings (6,9 = High; 3,4 = Medium; 1,2 = Low).**

		Importance to SIOFA Management Outcomes or to the functioning of the SC			
		Rank	Low	Moderate	High
Feasibility: Likelihood of Success	Low		1	2	3
	Moderate		2	4	6
	High		3	6	9

Notes:

**Importance criteria** evaluate the significance of the outcomes of the proposal in contributing to the successful management of the SIOFA stocks or the functioning of the SC (e.g., is the proposal aligned with the SIOFA research and/or management priorities; does the proposal contribute to the effective planning and functioning of the SC; are the intended outputs/benefits well-defined and relevant; what is the level of impact and likelihood that the proposal outputs will be adopted; is the proposal cost effective). High= Essential; Moderate=Important but not essential; Low=Not Important.

**Feasibility criteria** evaluate the proposal’s potential for success i.e., how likely is the proposal to achieve its stated objectives (e.g., are the objectives clearly stated, is the methodology sound, are the project objectives realistic and likely to be achieved, does the research team [if identified] have the ability, capacity and track record to deliver the outputs).

Note that the research teams have not been identified for projects using consultancies.