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Scientific Committee

La Reunion, Monday 16 January 2023

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SUBJECT: Provisional Agenda for the Joint Meeting of Parties and Scientific Committee Workshop on Harvest Strategy Pre-assessment (WS2023-HSPA)

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Meeting of the Parties,

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues

Please find attached the Provisional Agenda for the Joint Meeting of Parties and Scientific Committee Workshop on Harvest Strategy Pre-assessment (WS2023-HSPA), scheduled for 17–18 March 2023, which will be held at

The Spanish Institute of Oceanography (<http://www.ieo.es/es>)

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If you have not already done so, you are invited to register the members of your delegation on the attached form, that you can also find on the SIOFA website <https://siofa.org/meetings/wshspa-2023>.

I would like to note that the meetings will be held in-person at the meeting venue, but that virtual attendance is also possible. For more information regarding the meetings and the venue please refer to the attached meeting arrangements and the SIOFA website <https://siofa.org/meetings>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

The Scientific Committee Chairperson

Alistair DUNN

Provisional Agenda for the Joint Meeting of Parties and Scientific Committee Workshop on Harvest Strategy Pre-assessment (WS2023-HSPA)

1. INTRODUCTION

At the 2022 meetings of the Scientific Committee (SC7, 2022, paragraph 170) and the Meeting of Parties (MoP8, 2022, paragraph 268), SIOFA agreed to hold a joint MoP-SC Workshop on Harvest Strategy Pre-assessment with the participation of scientists, managers, industry representatives, and observers. The workshop will be held between 09:00–15:30 UTC on 17–18 March 2023.

The objectives of the Joint Meeting of Parties and Scientific Committee Workshop on Harvest Strategy Pre-assessment (Joint MoP-SC HSA Workshop) are to plan the implementation of harvest strategies for SIOFA fisheries. As a part of its work at SC8, the Scientific Committee will discuss and provide advice on other aspects of the data collection, data gaps, and interpretation.

The outcomes of the workshop will be presented to the 2023 meetings of the Scientific Committee and the Meeting of Parties.

We note that while many members of the Scientific Committee may be able to attend the workshop in person, many other intended participants will likely only be able attend virtually. For this reason, we have structured the proposed working arrangements and agenda to allow those attending virtually to be able to restrict their attendance to shorter time periods that are likely to be less inconvenient. Of course, virtual participants are invited to the entire meeting should they wish to attend it all.

2. PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Opening of the Joint MoP-SC Workshop on Harvest Strategy Pre-assessment (WS2023-HSPA)
2. Administrative arrangements
 - 2.1. Adoption of the meeting objectives and agenda
 - 2.2. Appointment of rapporteurs
3. Determination of the workshop objectives and agenda
4. Management objectives
 - 4.1. Candidate stocks for the harvest strategies
 - 4.2. Stock reference points and rebuilding plans
 - 4.3. Frequency of assessments and stock monitoring
 - 4.4. Other objectives, including consideration of bycatch, fishery impacts, effort and catch limit mechanisms, etc.
 - 4.5. Provision of advice on the management and harvest strategy objectives from the MoP to the Scientific Committee
5. Scientific objectives
 - 5.1. Stock monitoring
 - 5.2. Stock assessments
 - 5.3. Evaluation of harvest control rules
 - 5.4. Provision of advice from the Scientific Committee to the MoP on harvest strategies
6. Timetable for the implementation of pre-assessments, assessments, management objectives and implementation of harvest strategies for key stocks in the SIOFA Area.

7. Review of recommendations
 - 7.1. Management recommendations
 - 7.2. Scientific recommendations
8. Report adoption

3. WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

We propose that:

1. As agreed by the MoP and SC, the meeting be open to all Delegations to the Meeting of Parties, Members of the Scientific Committee, managers, industry representatives, and SIOFA Observers
2. That the workshop be conveyed by the Chair of the Scientific Committee
3. That the workshop meets in hybrid format in Cruz de Tenerife and online video conference (Zoom) over two days, with the schedule as outlined below to allow participants to attend selected sessions if required, and
4. A report of the workshop be circulated and adopted via email for consideration in time for it to be presented to the 2023 meeting of the Scientific Committee.

4. TIMETABLE

16 January 2023

Circulation of the Provisional Agenda

15 February 2023

Deadline for submission of working papers that are proposals to the workshop

03 March 2023

Deadline for submission of information papers to the workshop

10 March 2023

Deadline for registration of participants to the workshop

17–18 March 2023

Meetings take place in Cruz de Tenerife and virtually between 09:00 and 15:30 UTC

20 March 2023

Distribution of draft Workshop report for comment and adoption via email

25 March 2023

Final Workshop report adopted

27 March 2023

Submission of the final Workshop report to SC8 for its consideration

03 June 2023

Submission of the final Workshop report to MoP9 for its consideration

5. WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Table 1: Approximate timetable for the Joint MoP-SC Workshop on Harvest Strategy Pre-assessment. The meetings will start at 09:00 UTC and end at 15:30 UTC. Breaks will be at 10:30-11:00 UTC and 12:30-13:30 UTC. There will be no scheduled afternoon break.

Agenda item	Day	Time
1. Opening of the Joint MoP-SC Workshop on Harvest Strategy Pre-assessment (WS2023-HSPA)	17 March 2023	09:00-09:30 UTC
2. Administrative arrangements	17 March 2023	09:00-09:30 UTC
2.1. Adoption of the meeting objectives and agenda		
2.2. Appointment of rapporteurs		
3. Determination of the workshop objectives and agenda	17 March 2023	09:00-09:30 UTC
4. Management objectives		
4.1. Candidate stocks for the harvest strategies	17 March 2023	10:00-10:30 UTC
4.2. Stock reference points and rebuilding plans		11:00-11:45 UTC
4.3. Frequency of assessments and stock monitoring		11:45-12:30 UTC
4.4. Other objectives, including consideration of bycatch, fishery impacts, effort and catch limit mechanisms, etc.	18 March 2023	09:00-10:00 UTC
4.5. Provision of advice on the management and harvest strategy objectives from the MoP to the Scientific Committee	18 March 2023	10:00-10:30 UTC
5. Scientific objectives		
5.1. Stock monitoring	17 March 2023	13:30-14:30 UTC
5.2. Stock assessments		14:30-15:00 UTC
5.3. Evaluation of harvest control rules	17 March 2023	15:00-15:30 UTC
5.4. Provision of advice from the Scientific Committee to the MoP on harvest strategies	18 March 2023	13:30-15:00 UTC
6. Timetable for the implementation of pre-assessments, assessments, management objectives and implementation of harvest strategies for key stocks in the SIOFA Area.	18 March 2023	11:00-11:45 UTC
7. Review of recommendations for adoption		
7.1. Management recommendations	18 March 2023	11:45-12:30 UTC
7.2. Scientific recommendations	18 March 2023	15:00-15:30 UTC
8. Report adoption	20-25 March 2023	