

La Réunion, Tuesday 21st February 2023

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SUBJECT: Workshop on deepwater sharks in the SIOFA Area (WSDWS-2023) - Updates

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues

The deadline for the submission of additional data to the WSDWS-2023 workshop was the 20th of February. No SIOFA CCPs has submitted any additional data in response to the Data Call.

Therefore, the shark data currently held at the SIOFA Secretariat are included the CatchEffort database and Observer database with data from 2000 to 2022 as submitted by SIOFA CCPs under CMM 2022-02. These data consist of:

- Aggregated catch (2000–2017): date of fishing event(s) (YY-MM), spatial location (1 degree resolution), target species, fishing gear type, shark species, weight of catch
- Haul by haul catch (2000–2022): date of fishing event (YY-MM-DD), spatial location (high resolution), target species, fishing gear type, shark species, weight of catch
- Observer database (2008; 2012–2022): target species, fishing gear type, length measurements, weight measurements, sex determinations (M or F), maturity determinations (from 1 to 9)

Considering that the 27th of February 2023 the dataset will be made available upon request to interested workshop participants to undertake and subsequently present relevant analyses to the workshop.

I am also taking this chance to extend the deadline for the submission of additional data to the WSDWS-2023 workshop until Friday 24th February 2023.

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

Sincerely yours,



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