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SUBJECT: Medium-term SC workplan prioritisation

Dear SC Heads of Delegation,

Dear colleagues,

Following the discussions at the 8th SIOFA Scientific Committee meeting, the SC agreed to assign levels of priority to each of the proposed research activities in the medium-term SC workplan ([Annex F of the SC8 Report](#)), but due to time constraints this was agreed to be completed via email following the closure of the SC meeting.

The SC requested the Secretariat to circulate the medium-term SC workplan to SC HoDs and request that SC HoDs provide their score for each project using the scoring system adapted from the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and summarised in the table below:

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 | | |
|--|----------|--|----------|------|
| | | 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).

SC HoDs are kindly requested to submit their prioritisation scores via email to the Science Officer (marco.milardi@siofa.org) within 4 weeks (i.e., by the 12th of May 2023). For that purpose, the Secretariat transmits via email an excel version of the medium-term SC workplan where two columns have been added to insert Importance and Feasibility scores. Projects will be ranked according to the average combined scores provided by CCPs and presented to the MoP.

Sincerely yours,

Alistair Dunn - SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair