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Scientific Committee

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SUBJECT: Provisional Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable for the Joint Meeting of the Parties-Scientific Committee workshop on the development of harvest strategies (WS2024-HSS)

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Meeting of the Parties,

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to inform you that, following the MoP10 recommendations, and in accordance with paragraphs 91 and 267 of the MoP10 report, the provisional Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable have been developed for the second Joint MoP-SC Workshop on the Development of Harvest Strategies (WS2024- HSS).

Please find attached the provisional Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable for WS2024-HSS, to be held in hybrid format on the 29th of June 2024 from 00.30 UTC to 06.30 UTC.

Please provide any responses on the proposed Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable by 29 April 2024 to the Secretariat (secretariat@siofa.org). Following any responses, the Chairs of the MoP and SC will circulate the revised Meeting Arrangements, Terms of References, Agenda and Timetable.

Sincerely yours,

Alistair Dunn

SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair

Daeyeon Moon

Chair of the Meeting of the Parties

1. Introduction

At its 10th Meeting of Parties in 2023 (MoP10), SIOFA agreed to hold two Workshops on Harvest Strategies. The first ([WS2023-HSMO](#)) was held virtually on 7–8 November 2023 and the second to be held on 29th June 2024 ([WS2024-HSS](#)) in hybrid format. A draft Provisional Agenda was proposed by the Scientific Committee during its meeting in Bangkok, Thailand on 18–27 March 2024 ([SC9 report](#) paragraph 152, and Annex L).

This SC Circular outlines the proposed terms of reference, the provisional agenda, and proposed meeting arrangements for [WS2024-HSS](#). The outcomes of the workshop are proposed to be presented to the 2024 annual meeting of the Meeting of Parties (MoP11) and to the 2025 annual meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC10).

2. Meeting arrangements

The proposed meeting arrangements are:

1. That the meeting be open to all Delegations to the Meeting of Parties (MoP), including representatives of the Scientific Committee (SC) and SIOFA Observers.
2. That the workshop be co-convened by the Chairs of the MoP and the SC.
3. That the workshop meets in hybrid format on Saturday 29th June 2024 from 00.30 UTC to 06.30 UTC.
4. That a report of the workshop be compiled by the Workshop rapporteur and the Conveners. A draft will be circulated to participants with any comments to be addressed by the Convener in time for it to be presented to the 2024 meetings of the MoP.

3. Terms of reference

The proposed Terms of Reference for WS2024-HSS are:

1. The primary aim of the workshop is for the MoP to review progress on the development of harvest strategies and to finalise Management Objectives for selected SIOFA stocks (MoP10 report, paragraph 91).
2. The workshop will focus on management objectives for orange roughy and toothfish (MoP10 report, paragraph 76).
 - a. Agree on specific management objectives for the development of harvest strategies for orange roughy and toothfish.
 - b. Identify any other priority species.
3. Develop the future work plan, including the development of operating models and management strategy evaluation, the draft workplan and an indicative budget.

4. Provisional agenda

1. Opening
 - a. Welcome from the SC and MoP Chairs
 - b. Introduction of meeting participants
2. Administrative arrangements
 - a. Adoption of agenda
 - b. Confirmation of meeting documents
 - c. Report arrangements.
3. Introduction to harvest strategies
 - a. What are harvest strategies?
 - b. SIOFA progress on harvest strategies (Document WSHSPA-2023-01)

- c. SC advice on harvest strategy development
- d. Potential harvest control rules
4. Management input
 - a. Management objectives and performance indicators
 - b. Priority species
5. Future work plan
 - a. Development of operating models and management strategy evaluation
 - b. Draft workplan and indicative budget
6. Other business
7. Summary of advice to MoP
8. Review of report recommendations in plenary, with other comments on the Conveners report via email

5. Timetable

16 April 2024

Circulation of the draft Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable.

29 April 2023

Deadline for responses to the draft Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable.

6 May 2024

Circulation of the revised Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable.

27 May 2024

Deadline for submission of working papers that are proposals to the Workshop.

10 June 2024

Deadline for submission of information papers to the Workshop.

24 June 2024

Deadline for registration of participants to the Workshop.

29 June 2024

Workshop meetings take place in hybrid format between 00.30 and 06.30 UTC.

30 June 2024

Distribution of draft Convener report for comment via email.

3 July 2024

Final Workshop Convener report submitted to the 2024 meetings of the MoP.

February 2025

Conveners Workshop report submitted to the 2025 meetings of the SC.