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SUBJECT: Resources for SIOFA Scientific Observers available on the website

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues,

During our annual meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC) in Bangkok, the SC requested the Secretariat to add a subsection to the website where technical resources could be downloaded, such as identification guides, handbooks, manuals, sampling protocols, and data submission forms (paragraph 124 of the [SC9 report](#)).

This circular is to highlight that the Secretariat has informed me that they have now implemented this request, and that the required information is available on the SIOFA website (<https://siofa.org/science/observers-resources>).

To date, this subsection includes:

- Observer role and data collection (CMM 02(2023) annexes B to E)
- SIOFA Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem taxa identification guide
- Identification guide of the deep-sea cartilaginous fishes of the Indian Ocean (FAO, 2013)
- How to photograph Sharks (SIODFA)
- SIOFA Toothfish tagging instructions
- Trial logbooks templates for observers' data (project SEC2022-OBS1)

The last item is of particular note, as the SC agreed to trial the logbook templates from [project SEC2022-OBS1](#) (which is at the Final Report finalization stage) on a voluntary basis.

Please address any comments or suggestions to include additional materials in this subsection to the SIOFA Science Officer (marco.milardi@siofa.org).

I look forward to meeting you at the upcoming Workshop and Annual Meetings in Korea.

Sincerely yours,

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