



La Réunion, Thursday 25 July 2024

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**SUBJECT: SIOFA SC Call for project Leads and Advisory Panels nominations**

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues,

At the recent annual meeting of the MoP (MoP11), the SC Workplan (MoP-11-06-Rev1) was discussed and approved, including the SC projects for the upcoming year (Table 1). These projects require an SC member to volunteer to Lead and additional volunteers to be members of the Advisory Panel. I note that we already have volunteers for the Lead for projects ALF-2024-01 and ORY-2024-01, but we have not formed Advisory Panels for these projects.

**Table 1: List of SC Projects for 2024.**

Project code	Lead	Summary Title
ALF-2024-01	JPN (Takehiro Okuda) COK (Stephen Brouwer)	Alfonsino age protocol development
ORY-2024-01	COK (Steve Brouwer)	Orange roughy stock assessment
PAM-2024-01	TBD	Development of the SIOFA Precautionary Approach Framework (PAF)
PAM-2024-02	TBD	Determination of Biological Reference Points (BRPs) for key SIOFA fish stocks
PAM-2024-03	TBD	Development of Harvest Strategies for key SIOFA fish stocks

The Lead will help run the Advisory Panel meetings, in conjunction with the SIOFA SC Chair and Vice-Chairs and the SIOFA Science Officer, and supported by the other members of the Advisory Panel, to:

- determine and approve the terms of reference for the call to project consultants for each project,
- assess and recommend to the Executive Secretary the project consultant(s), and
- advise and review the work of the project consultants to ensure that the project achieves its aims.

I would encourage you to volunteer to Lead or be a member of the Advisory Panel of one (or more) of these projects.

Please let me know if you are interested in any of the Lead roles or being a member of an Advisory Panel by Monday 5 August 2024. Please send your expression of interest to the SIOFA Science Officer ([marco.milardi@siofa.org](mailto:marco.milardi@siofa.org)) who will compile the information for the consideration by the SC Chairs Committee.

Leads and Advisory Panel members will be included in the SIOFA SC database of science projects (<https://siofa.org/science/sc-works>).

I look forward to working with you over the intersessional period and at the next Scientific Committee meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Alistair Dunn - SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair