



La Réunion, Tuesday 10 September 2024

## SC-CIRCULAR n° 2024-16

**SUBJECT: Second extraordinary meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC-EXTRA2)**

**Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,**

**Dear Colleagues,**

Following the request for an Extraordinary Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC-EXTRA2) laid out in SIOFA Circular 2024/25 and the proposal for a meeting to be held on Thursday 3 October 2024 in SC-Circular 2024/14, I note that several delegations responded that, due to other commitments, they would be unable to participate in the meeting on that date.

Following additional communication with Comoros, I am writing to propose that we return to the original date proposed, and that the SC-EXTRA2 meeting be held on Thursday 7 November 2024. I apologise for the time taken to resolve this issue, but I hope that this date will still be available for Scientific Delegations to attend.

The objective of the SC-EXTRA2 meeting will be to consider the updated Comoros Bottom Fishing Impact Assessment (BFIA), and the corresponding document will be provided as a public document to the meeting. The SC will provide recommendations and advice to the MoP as requested by the MoP (MoP11 Report, paragraph 288).

Please submit any response to the request for the SC-EXTRA2 meeting to be held on Thursday 7 November 2024 to the SIOFA Science Officer ([marco.milardi@siofa.org](mailto:marco.milardi@siofa.org)), by 18 September 2024. Following the receipt of responses, I will consider these and advise the Scientific Committee on the next steps.

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

Sincerely yours,

Alistair Dunn - SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair