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SC CIRCULAR n° 2025-04

SUBJECT: Amended dates for Scientific Committee Workshops in 2025 and 2026

Dear Heads of Delegation of the SIOFA Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues,

At SC10, the Scientific Committee (SC) proposed five workshops in the intersessional period as part of the SC workplan for 2025/26. These were the subject of SIOFA SC-Circular 2025-02, where I requested for feedback on the proposed meeting dates. I would like to thank those of you that provided useful feedback on this.

The SC Workplan (MoP-12-08) will be considered by the Meeting of the Parties (MoP) at its 12th annual meeting in June-July 2025 and once approved, we will confirm the following meeting dates.

Please find the new proposed meeting dates in Table 1 for these workshops. Note that, in addition, an in-person workshop is scheduled to be held at the Pacific Community (SPC) in Noumea, 13-17 October 2025, as part of the Alfonsino ageing protocol project (ALF-2024-01).

Table 1: SIOFA SC workshops for the 2025/26 period

Workshop code	Lead	Summary Title	Type	Date
WS2025-PAM2	SC Chair	Precautionary Approach and Management 2 (SC10, para 179)	Virtual	6 August 2025
ALF2024-01	COK/JAP	Development of protocols for alfonsino ageing	In-person	13-17 October
WS2025-ORS	SC Vice Chair/EU	Window of Opportunity Research Vessels in SIOFA (SC10, para 499)	Virtual	4 November 2025
WS2025-DWS	EU	Impact of using alternative trace types on the bycatch rate of sharks and target species (SC10, para 360)	Virtual	6 November 2025
WS2025-HSS	SC Chair/MoP Chair	Third Joint MoP-SC Workshop on the Development of Harvest Strategies (SC10, para 179)	Virtual	17 December 2025
WS2026-EMS	EU	Development of E-Monitoring Standards (SC10, para 542)	Virtual	21 January 2026

Note that WS2025-HSS is proposed as a joint workshop between the MoP and the SC and will be held near the conclusion of the scientific work on the SIOFA-PAM projects.

Please save these workshops dates in your calendars, and I will follow up with more information on the Workshops following consideration of these at MoP12.

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

Sincerely yours,



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