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SUBJECT: SIOFA Scientific Committee support to the 2025 Deep-sea Fishery Resources survey in the SIOFA Convention Area (Nansen Cruise)

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues,

The Secretariat received a request from Paul Clerkin, on Wednesday 5 November 2025, to support the shipping costs associated with transporting eDNA, deepwater camera, and taxonomic equipment to and from the locations of departure and arrival of the *RV Dr Fridtjof Nansen* in relation to the planned “Deep-sea Fishery Resources survey in the SIOFA Convention Area” (Nansen cruise).

These shipping costs were estimated at a total of 5000 USD and could not be covered under the other funding sources available.

This request was considered by the SIOFA Chairs, including the MoP Chairs, which expressed approval for the release of funds from the SC budget as a contingency measure to ensure that this component of the cruise takes place.

Should you have any questions, please address them to the Science Officer (marco.milardi@siofa.org).

Sincerely yours,



Alistair Dunn - SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair