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SUBJECT: Provisional Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable for the Third Joint MoP-SC Workshop on the Development of Harvest Strategies (WS2025-HSS)

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Meeting of the Parties,

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to inform you, following the MoP11 recommendations and in accordance with paragraph 196 of the MoP12 report, of the provisional Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable for the **Third Joint MoP-SC Workshop on the Development of Harvest Strategies (WS2025-HSS)**.

Please find attached the provisional Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable for WS2025-HSS, to be held in virtual format on the **Wednesday 17 of December 2025 from 08.00 UTC to 12.00 UTC**.

The [WS2025-HSS Workshop webpage on the SIOFA website](#) contains all this information, the document template and the registration form.

This workshop is open to a Delegations to the Meeting of Parties (MoP), including representatives of the Scientific Committee (SC) and SIOFA Observers. Please provide any comments on the proposed Terms of References, Provisional Agenda, the Timetable, and more in general on the Meeting Arrangements to the Secretariat (secretariat@siofa.org) **by Wednesday 10 December 2025**. Following any responses, we will edit the arrangements on the WS2025-HSS webpage.

Submit workshop documents to the Secretariat using the [template by Wednesday 10 December 2025](#) and [registration forms by Friday 12 December 2025](#).

Sincerely yours,

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SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair

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1. Introduction

At its 12th Meeting of Parties in 2025 (MoP12, paragraph 196), SIOFA agreed to hold a third Workshops on the Development of Harvest Strategies. The first workshop ([WS2023-HSMO](#)) was held virtually on 7–8th November 2023, and the second was held on 29th June 2024 ([WS2024-HSS](#)) in hybrid format.

This SC Circular outlines the proposed terms of reference, the provisional agenda, and meeting arrangements for [WS2024-HSS](#). The outcomes of the workshop will be presented to the 2026 annual meeting of the Meeting of Parties (MoP13) and to the 2026 annual meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC11).

2. Meeting arrangements

The meeting arrangements are:

1. That the meeting be open to all Delegations to the Meeting of Parties (MoP), including representatives of the Scientific Committee (SC) and SIOFA Observers.
2. That the workshop be co-convened by the Chairs of the MoP and the SC.
3. That the workshop meets in virtual format on **Wednesday 17 December 2025 from 08.00 UTC to 12.00 UTC**.
4. That a report of the workshop be compiled by the Workshop rapporteur and the Conveners. The draft report will be circulated to participants with any comments to be addressed by the Conveners in time for it to be presented to the 2026 meetings of the SC and MoP.

3. Terms of reference

The proposed Terms of Reference for WS2025-HSS are:

1. The primary aim of the workshop is for the MoP to consider the progress on the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management (PAM) projects:
 - a. Development of the Precautionary Approach Framework (<https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-01>);
 - b. Determination of Biological Reference Points (<https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-02>); and
 - c. Development of Harvest Strategies (<https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-03>).
2. The workshop will consider the preliminary outcomes from the PAM projects, and
 - a. Provide advice on the SIOFA-PAM projects, specifically on the approach that was used for the precautionary approach framework, biological reference points, and harvest strategies that should be considered when the final project reports are presented to SC.

- b. Identify any additional aspects that the SC should consider in the provision of advice on the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management projects.
3. Provide advice for the SC and MoP on any aspects of a future work plan for the development of a precautionary approach and the management of SIOFA stocks.

4. Provisional agenda

1. Opening
 - a. Welcome from the MoP and SC Chairs
 - b. Introduction of meeting participants
2. Administrative arrangements
 - a. Adoption of agenda
 - b. Confirmation of meeting documents
 - c. Appointment of rapporteurs
 - d. Report arrangements.
3. Overview of the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management (PAM) projects:
 - a. Development of the Precautionary Approach Framework (<https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-01>);
 - b. Determination of Biological Reference Points (<https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-02>); and
 - c. Development of Harvest Strategies (<https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/PAM-2024-03>).
 - d. Discussion of the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management projects, specifically:
 - i The precautionary approach framework;
 - ii Biological reference points; and
 - iii Harvest strategies.
 - e. Additional aspects that the SC or MoP should consider in the provision of advice on the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management projects.
4. Provide advice for the SC and MoP on any aspects of a future work plan for the development of a precautionary approach and the management of SIOFA stocks.
5. Summary of advice to MoP
6. Review of key report recommendations (as time allows) in plenary

5. Timetable

- 17 November 2025: Circulation of the Meeting Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Agenda and Timetable.
- 10 December 2025: Deadline for submission of comments on the Arrangements and papers to the Workshop.
- 12 December 2025: Deadline for registration of participants to the Workshop.
- 17 December 2025: Workshop meetings take place in virtual format between 08.00 and 12:00 UTC.
- 31 December 2025: Distribution of draft Workshop Conveners report for comment via email.
- 23 January 2026: Deadline for comments on the draft Workshop Conveners report.
- 21 February 2026: Final Conveners Workshop report submitted to the 2026 meetings of the SC.