

La Réunion, Thursday 27 August 2026

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SUBJECT: SIOFA SC Workshop on the Climate Change Assessment Tool (WS2026-CLI)

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Observers,

Dear Colleagues,

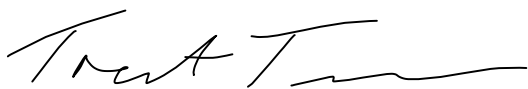
At SC11, the SC agreed (SC11 report, paragraph 458) to hold a Workshop on the Climate Change Assessment Tool (WS2026-CLI). The purpose of the WS2026-CLI workshop is to consider the final report of Project CLI-2025-01: Assessment of SIOFA Species and Ecosystems for vulnerability to climate change impacts (<https://siofa.org/science/sc-works/CLI-2025-01>) and to consider the outcomes of the final report of the project on climate change and utilise the climate change risk assessment framework for several indicative trial species.

To progress the arrangements for the SIOFA WS2026-CLI, the Chair of the Scientific Committee and the Convener have proposed an agenda, timetable, and working arrangements for the Workshop, which you can find in this Circular. Please find attached the draft Arrangements, Terms of Reference, Provisional Agenda and Timetable for WS2026-CLI, proposed to be held in a virtual format on 3 December 2026 07:00 to 11:00 UTC

The outcome from the Workshop will be a Convener's report that will be considered by the Scientific Committee at SC12 in March 2027.

Please provide any responses on the proposed Terms of Reference, Provisional Agenda, the Timetable, and the Meeting Arrangements, including proposing any candidate species to consider under the risk assessment framework by Wednesday 30 September 2026 to the SIOFA Science Officer (marco.milardi@siofa.org) and the Secretariat (secretariat@siofa.org). Following any responses, I will circulate the final Terms of Reference, Agenda, and Meeting Arrangements.

Sincerely yours,



Trent Timmiss

SIOFA WS2026-CLI Convener

SIOFA SC Climate Change Assessment Tool workshop (WS2026-CLI)

Proposed Agenda, Timetable and Working Arrangements

1. Background

The purpose of the workshop is to consider the outcomes of the final report on climate change and utilise the climate change risk assessment framework for several indicative trial species.

2. Objectives

The aim of the Workshop is to:

1. To review the outcomes of the final report by the climate change consultants and recommend a work program to incorporate climate change into SIOFA SC advice
2. To test the climate risk tool using several candidate species as pilot species.

3. Terms of Reference for the Workshop

The proposed Workshop arrangements are:

1. The Workshop will be open to all representatives of the SIOFA Scientific Committee, including Observers.
2. The workshop will be convened by Trent Timmiss (Australia).
3. The workshop will meet online via video conference (Zoom) on 3 December 2026 07.00 to 11:00 UTC.
4. A Convener's report of the Workshop will be compiled by the Workshop Convener and be presented at the 12 annual meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC12).
5. The objectives of the workshop are to consider the outcomes of Project CLI-2025-01 and apply the climate change risk assessment framework for several indicative species.

4. Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the workshop WS2026-CLI
 - a. Welcome from the Workshop convener
 - b. Introduction of meeting participants
2. Administrative arrangements
 - a. Adoption of the meeting objectives and agenda
 - b. Appointment of rapporteurs
 - c. Workshop report arrangements
3. Assessment of SIOFA Species and Ecosystems for Vulnerability to Climate Change Impacts Report
4. Application of Climate Framework
 - a. Species 1
 - b. Species 2
 - c. Species 3
 - d. Species 4 (to be considered live)
5. Recommendations for SC12
6. Review of key report recommendations (as time allows) in plenary
7. Meeting close

5. Timetable

Attached to this circular: SIOFA secretariat will circulate a link to the final report of CLI-2025-01 for information

5 November: Deadline for the submission of Workshop papers.

19 November 2026: Deadline for registration of participants to the Workshop (via email to the SIOFA Secretariat Science Officer).

07.00 to 11:00 UTC UTC on 3 December 2026: Meeting of the Workshop via videoconference

10 December 2026: Distribution of draft Convener's report for review and finalisation.

17 December 2026: Deadline for the submission of participant comments.

11 January 2027: Submission of the Convener's report to meeting participants

13 February 2027: Submission of the Convener's report to SC12 (deadline for the submission of SC Working Papers).