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Accord relatif aux Pêches dans le Sud de l'Océan Indien

Scientific Committee

La Réunion, Thursday 12 November 2026

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SUBJECT: Third Extraordinary meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee

Dear SC Heads of Delegation,

Dear Colleagues,

Following the request for an Extraordinary Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee on the research survey by the OceanX, I would like to convene the third Extraordinary Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC-EXTRA3) to be held on **Wednesday 16 December 2026 from 08h00 to 11h00 UTC**.

The meeting page is available on the SIOFA website (https://siofa.org/meetings/SC-EXTRA3) and contains instructions on how to register. The meeting will be held by video conference using the ZOOM platform. A meeting link will be provided to the registered participants ahead of the meeting.

The meeting will consider and provide advice to the MoP on the Southern Indian Ridge Expedition by OceanX. A provisional agenda for the meeting is provided as an annex to this Circular.

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

Sincerely yours,

Alistair Dunn

SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair

Provisional Agenda
For an extraordinary meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC-EXTRA3)
16th of December 2026

08h00 to 11h00 UTC

Held by video conference using the ZOOM platform

Chair: Mr Alistair Dunn

Vice-chairs: Dr Zhou Fang - Ms Charlotte Chazeau

1. Opening

1.1. Welcome from the *Scientific Committee* Chair
1.2. Introduction of participants

2. Administrative arrangements

2.1. Adoption of the agenda
2.2. Confirmation of meeting documents
2.3. Appointment of rapporteur

3. Southern Ridge Expedition by OceanX

3.1 Review of the information provided by OceanX
3.2 Identify synergies with SIOFA's SC workplan and activities of interest to SIOFA that could be conducted as part of the cruise
3.3 Conditions for any planned activities that would fall within the Agreement's definitions of fishery resources and fishing.
3.4 Advice to the MoP

4. Meeting close