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Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement  
Accord relatif aux Pêches dans le Sud de l'Océan Indien

**10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SIOFA Compliance Committee (CC10) and 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to SIOFA (MoP13)**

*Savoy Seychelles Resort & Spa, Beau Vallon, Seychelles, 1–3 July and 6–10 July 2026*

**MoP-13-ADM-03**

# Agenda of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to SIOFA (MoP13)

MoP Chairperson and Executive Secretary

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| <b>Abstract</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                              |
| According to Rule 10 of the SIOFA RoP, the Executive Secretary has prepared a Provisional Agenda in consultation with the MoP Chairperson, which is circulated by the Secretariat. CCPs are invited to comment on it and include new items to it. |                                                                                                                                                              |

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*This meeting will be held at the hotel "Savoy Resort & Spa Seychelles" in Beau Vallon, Seychelles.*

*A Heads of Delegation meeting will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 08:00 to 09:00 local time.*

*The meeting will start at 09:00 local time (UTC +4:00).*

## **1. Opening of the meeting**

- 1.1. Opening statements
- 1.2. Practical arrangements for the meeting
- 1.3. Admission of observers
- 1.4. Status of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement [and its observers.]
- 1.5. Participation in decision-making

## **2. Administrative arrangements**

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

## **3. Intersessional Decision-Making**

- 3.1. Review of intersessional decisions taken since MoP12

*Intersessional Decision ID-2025-I*

## **4. Compliance Committee (CC) and Report of the CC10**

*Discussion of the CC recommendations to the MoP*

- 4.1. Presentation of the report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee
- 4.2. SIOFA Compliance Report (SCR)

*The Meeting of the Parties shall consider the Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report (pSCR) prepared by the CC and any comments from CCPs on their respective sections of the pSCR. The Meeting of the Parties shall adopt by consensus a Final SIOFA Compliance Report (fSCR) at its ordinary meeting in accordance with Article 8 of the Agreement and Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure (ref. CMM 11 para 22).*

- 4.3. Listing of IUU fishing vessels

*The Meeting of the Parties shall review the Provisional IUU Vessel List, considering any new suitably documented information [...] and adopt a new IUU Vessel List (ref CMM 06(2024))*

- 4.4. Recommendations from the Compliance Committee on current SIOFA CMMs

- 4.5. Operationalization of the SIOFA VMS

4.5.1. Update of Workplan & Progress Toward Operationalization of the SIOFA VMS

4.5.2. Potential Amendments to SIOFA CMMs and the Standards, Specifications and Procedures (SSPs) for the SIOFA VMS

- 4.6. Other recommendations from the Compliance Committee

4.6.1. Discussion on the CC ToRs

## **5. Scientific Committee (SC) and Report of the SC11**

*Discussion of the SC recommendations to the MoP*

### **5.1. Presentation of the Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC11)**

- 5.1.1. Fisheries Reports
- 5.1.2. Data Standards, Access and Dissemination
- 5.1.3. SIOFA Bottom Fishing Impact Assessment
- 5.1.4. SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management (PAM)
- 5.1.5. Stock assessments and advice
- 5.1.6. Bycatch and incidental captures
- 5.1.7. Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME)
- 5.1.8. Benthic Fisheries Closures CMM 18(2025) and marine protected areas
- 5.1.9. New and Exploratory Fisheries CMM 17(2025)
- 5.1.10. Framework for research cruises and scientific research in the SIOFA Area
- 5.1.11. Scientific Observers
- 5.1.12. Future work
- 5.1.13. Other recommendations

## **6. Climate change**

- 6.1. Identification of advice required from Scientific Committee on the implications of climate change on SIOFA fisheries

## **7. New and Exploratory Fisheries**

- 7.1. New Fisheries
- 7.2. Exploratory Fisheries
- 7.3. Scientific Research
  - 7.3.1. Follow up on scientific research activities by RV *Atlantida* in the SIOFA Area
  - 7.3.2. Research Cruise planned for Saya De Malha.

## **8. Data access and dissemination**

- 8.1. Data and security audits implementation update
- 8.2. Review of the criteria and process by which papers are classified and implications for the RoP

## **9. Interim bottom fishing measures**

- 9.1. States or fishing entities that became CCPs before the MoP in 2017 – revision to measures established under CMM 01(2025).
- 9.2. States or fishing entities that became CCPs after the MoP in 2017 – approval of measures pursuant to paragraph 28 of CMM 01(2025).

## **10. Review and amendment of Conservation Management Measures (CMMs) currently in force.**

*Standing agenda item for the presentation of reviews or proposed amendments to existing CMMs and possible adoption*

## **11. New Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs)**

*Standing agenda item for the presentation of any proposals of new CMMs and possible adoption*

## **12. Capacity building needs for developing States**

- 12.1. Technical assistance needed for the implementations of obligations
- 12.2. Review of the options to facilitate and address the capacity building need of CCP developing States

## **13. Secretariat administration**

- 13.1. Report on the Secretariat activities (since MoP12)
  - 13.1.1. Action done relative to SIOFA Performance Review recommendations
  - 13.1.2. Secretariat activities
- 13.2. Financial status (close session)
  - 13.2.1. Update on the 2020 fraud.
  - 13.2.2. Financial report.
  - 13.2.3. External Auditor report.
- 13.3. SIOFA Budget (close session)
  - 13.3.1. Mid-year budget tracking paper with the actual expenditure.
  - 13.3.2. Provisional 2027 budget and 2028 forecast budget.
  - 13.3.3. Adoption of the budget.

## **14. Cooperation with other RFMOs, international bodies and other relevant instruments**

- 14.1. Cooperation with CCAMLR, RFMOs and other international organisations
  - 14.1.1. Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
  - 14.1.2. South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)
  - 14.1.3. South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC)
  - 14.1.4. South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO)
  - 14.1.5. Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP)
  - 14.1.6. Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)
  - 14.1.7. Sustainable Western Indian Ocean Programme (SWIOP)
- 14.2. Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement)
- 14.3. Cooperation with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
  - 14.3.1. FAO ABNJ Deep Sea Fisheries Project
  - 14.3.2. FAO Regional Fishery Body Secretariats' Network (RFBSN)
  - 14.3.3. FAO Fisheries and Resources Monitoring System (FIRMS)

## **15. Cooperating non-Contracting Parties**

- 15.1. Renewal of CNCP status

## **16. Future Chairing arrangements**

- 16.1. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the SC
  - The SC Chair was renewed in July 2025 for a two-year term, which will expire in July 2027.*
- 16.2. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Compliance Committee
- 16.3. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Meeting of the Parties

*In accordance with Rule 5 of the RoP, the Chair of the Meeting of Parties will be held by the European Union, and the Vice Chair of the MoP will be held by Cook Islands for the 2026-2027.*

**17. Any other business**

17.1. 2025 Nansen Survey in the SIOFA Area.

**18. 2027 meeting arrangements**

**19. Report adoption**

**20. Meeting closure**