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This information paper aims at informing the MoP of the activity of the French patrol ship <i>OSIRIS II</i> in the SIOFA area.	

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# Patrol in the French Southern Territories and SIOFA area

The *OSIRIS II* patrol vessel carried out a mission in the Austral Islands (French Southern and Antarctic Territories) from 11 February to 9 March 2026. The objectives of the patrol were to ensure a state presence in waters under French sovereignty and jurisdiction, to carry out fisheries surveillance and control activities, and also to fulfil certain objectives of the 'MARIO' scientific project, a regional scientific cooperation programme with South Africa, in particular on the 'orcas' component. The mission therefore focused on the Crozet and Kerguelen EEZs in order to tag orcas and deploy hydrophones.

As part of its mission in the Austral Islands, the *OSIRIS II* spent periods transiting through the SIOFA area (from 12 to 22 February and from 3 to 8 March) and, in particular, the 'DEL CANO RISE' zone (from 19 to 22 February), totalling 15 days in the area. To carry out its mission of monitoring and controlling fishing on the high seas, two SIOFA inspectors were present on board throughout the mission. The only observations reported by the inspectors on the high seas concerned the sighting of two Malaysian vessels, the KHA YANG 59 and the KHA YANG 98, on 8 March 2026 whilst fishing at position 37°36 S 063°30E. These fishing vessels held valid fishing licences issued by the IOTC. There were therefore no reports under the APSOI during this mission.