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# Review of Recommendations from Final SIOFA Compliance Reports (fSCR) adopted by the Meeting of the Parties

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<b>Abstract</b>	
<p>In accordance with Paragraph 5 of CMM 11 (2020) on the Compliance Monitoring Scheme, the Compliance Committee and the Meeting of the Parties are required to review any additional recommendations made by the Meeting of the Parties in previous years' Final Compliance Reports. This review aims to assess the extent to which these recommendations have been implemented by the concerned CCPs, the Compliance Committee, the Meeting of the Parties, or the Secretariat, as appropriate, including any associated follow-up actions.</p> <p>This paper outlines the recommendations endorsed by MoP1 and the pending or ongoing actions from previous Meetings of the Parties and provides an update on their current status.</p>	

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Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Note</b> the status of the implementation of the recommendations from MoP12 and previous MoPs</li><li>• That the Compliance Committee <b>recommends</b> follow-up actions, if any, to the Meeting of the Parties for outstanding recommendations</li><li>• That the MoP <b>considers</b> and <b>endorses</b> the recommendations of the Compliance Committee.</li></ul>

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## Summary

Paragraph 5 of the [Conservation and Management Measure for the Establishment of a Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement \(SIOFA\) Compliance Monitoring Scheme](#) requires that the Compliance Committee and the Meeting of the Parties review recommendations made by the Meeting of the Parties in previous years' Final Compliance Reports (fSCR). This review serves to assess how these recommendations have been implemented by the relevant Contracting Parties (CCPs), the Compliance Committee, the Meeting of the Parties, or the Secretariat, as appropriate, including any related follow-up action.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties endorsed eight (8) recommendations from last year's fSCR. There are also four (4) recommendations from the previous Meeting of the Parties.

Table 1 below summarises these recommendations, including recommended follow-up actions for the pending items.

Table 1: List of Recommendations and their Status of Implementation

Recommendations	Adopted at	Implementing Party/Entity/ Body	Status of Implementation	Recommended Follow-up Actions
Proposal for an alternate method to collect data required by paragraph 12 of CMM 02 (2023) on Data Standards.	MoP11	CCP/ Mauritius	At SC11, it was acknowledged the challenges associated with deploying human observers on Mauritian semi-industrial handline vessels in the short term and recommended that Mauritius explore alternative at-sea data collection methods to obtain information on discards and potential ETP interactions. The SC also requested Mauritius to submit a proposal outlining its current and future data collection arrangements, including indicative implementation timelines, to ensure that the required data under paragraph 12 of CMM 02(2025) can be collected independently from vessel self-reporting. In response to this request, Mauritius has submitted an alternative data collection	

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			method for consideration by MoP13.	
Propose amendments to CMM 02 to include the requirement for squid jigging in the ANNEX	MoP11	China	SC11 recommended that the MoP adopt proposed amendments to CMM 02(2025) (Data Standards)" which includes the requirements for reporting on squid jigging (and additionally squid light seining) fishing activities.	
Mauritius is in the process of amending its legislation to domesticate paragraph 10 of CMM 10 (2023)	MoP12	Mauritius	Outstanding (measures submitted for the 2025 assessment period were deemed not sufficient to implement para 10. c)	Mauritius to provide an update on the domestication process
Seychelles to implement an EM Program for its longline fleet as its observer program.	MoP12	Seychelles	Outstanding (No updates on EM program)	Seychelles to provide an update on Implementation
Seychelles to improve the logbook to ensure capture of data in accordance with CMM 02	MoP12	Seychelles	Outstanding (No updates on logbook modifications)	Seychelles to provide an update on Implementation
Seychelles to transpose provisions of paragraphs 10, 18 and 19 of CMM 10 (2023) into new regulations under its new fisheries act.	MoP12	Seychelles	Outstanding (measures not included in CCR)	
Comoros to provide additional information on the binding domestic measures implementing paragraphs 21, 23, 27, 28, 30, and 32 of CMM 10 (2023), for the purposes of future assessment	MoP12	Comoros	Except for paragraph 27, Measures related to these obligations were not submitted in the Comoros' CCR	

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The 10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Committee and the 9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee requested advice on the interpretation of the definition of established fisheries and new and exploratory fisheries in CMM 17 (2024).	MoP12	MoP	No interpretation provided	
Suggestion for a proposal to amend the Compliance Monitoring Scheme under CMM 11(2020) <sup>3</sup> to treat late report submissions as minor non-compliance issues.	MoP11	CC/MoP (Suggested by Mauritius)	Proposal submitted to be considered by CC10 and MoP13	
Ongoing process to domesticate paragraphs 24 a-c of CMM 10 (2023) by Chinese Taipei	MoP12	Chinese Taipei	Measures submitted in CCR	No additional follow-up required
The Cook Islands will submit the missing data related to paragraph 33 of CMM 10 (2023) after the conclusion of MoP12.	MoP12	Cook Islands	Data was submitted to the Secretariat after MoP12	No additional follow-up required
India to provide further information on the implementation of this obligation in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paragraph 1 of CMM 05 (2016) on Pelagic Driftnets and Deepwater Gillnets.</li> <li>Paragraph 19 of CMM 06 (2022)<sup>4</sup> on IUU Vessel List<sup>5</sup></li> <li>Paragraph 26 of CMM 08 (2020) on Port Inspection</li> </ul>	MoP11	CCP/ India	Measures were submitted to MoP12	No additional follow-up required
Mauritius to ensure Port Inspection Reports are submitted on time.	MoP12	Mauritius	Ongoing / PIR submitted on time since last compliance assessment	No additional follow-up required

<sup>3</sup> Conservation and Management Measure to for the Establishment of a Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) Compliance Monitoring Scheme (Compliance Monitoring Scheme).

<sup>4</sup> Superseded by CMM 11(2024) on IUU Vessel List

<sup>5</sup> Measure submitted for paragraph 19.e. in CCR for Assessment Period of 1 Jan 2024 – 31 Dec 2024, inclusive.