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Proposal to amend Annex 1 of CMM17(2015) New and Exploratory Fisheries

Delegation of Japan

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Abstract	
<p>Established fisheries in SIOFA are described in the table in Annex 1 of CMM 17(2024) (New and Exploratory Fisheries), which sets out multiple components such as species, gear, participant, and area. The current table may be read as if species were the primary organising element, with the other components presented as attributes of each listed species. However, Japan considers the gear component to be the most important factor in describing established fisheries, as differences in gear result in different impacts on target species, ecologically related species, and VMEs.</p> <p>Noting this point, at MoP12, Japan suggested that the SC review Annex 1 of CMM 17 and provide its advice to the MoP. Japan further suggested that the review should consider: (1) whether a different structure — for example, one oriented by gear — would be more appropriate; and (2) how to accommodate other primary species (paras. 230–231 of the SIOFA MoP12 Report).</p> <p>In line with this suggestion, Japan proposed revisions to Annex 1 for further discussion at SC11. The purpose of these revisions was to restructure the table so that it better reflects a gear-oriented approach, rather than the current species-based structure as well as to better capture other commercially valuable species that have been taken by CCPs but are not currently listed by including a footnote enabling the incorporation of such species into Annex 1.</p> <p>Given these suggestions, the SC11 agreed to maintain a targeted-species/fisheries-oriented table, while making it clearer which gears are operated by which CCPs for each targeted-species/fisheries. The SC held further discussions on this proposal together with other proposed changes to Annex 1 of CMM 17. The SC developed draft amendments to Annex 1 of CMM 17(2025) (New and</p>	

Exploratory Fisheries) (Annex M of the SIOFA SC11 Report) based on the proposed amendments in SC-11-50 and SC-11-60, as well as discussions under other agenda items, and recommended that the MoP13 adopt the draft amendments (paras. 383–394 of the SIOFA SC11 Report).

Japan therefore proposes to have further discussion to adopt revised Annex1 of CMM17 at MoP13, based on the recommendation by the SC11, and based on the Annex M of the SIOFA SC11 Report.

Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For CC10 to review the proposal and propose it for adoption to MoP13.• For MoP13 to review and adopt the proposal.

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Background

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Noting this point, at MoP12, Japan suggested that the SC review Annex 1 of CMM 17 and provide its advice to the MoP. Japan further suggested that the review should consider: (1) whether a different structure — for example, one oriented by gear — would be more appropriate; and (2) how to accommodate other primary species (paras. 230–231 of the SIOFA MoP12 Report). In line with this suggestion, Japan proposed revisions to Annex 1 for further discussion at SC11. The purpose of these revisions was to restructure the table so that it better reflected a gear-oriented approach, rather than the current species-based structure. In addition, because a gear-oriented table is better suited to capturing other commercially valuable species that have been taken by CCPs but are not currently listed, Japan proposed to include a footnote enabling the incorporation of such species into Annex 1.

The SC11 developed draft amendments to Annex 1 of CMM 17(2025) (New and Exploratory Fisheries) (Annex M of the SIOFA SC11 Report) based on the proposed amendments in SC-11-50 and SC-11-60, as well as discussions under other agenda items and recommended that the MoP adopt the draft amendments (paras. 383–394 of the SIOFA SC11 Report).

Proposals

Japan proposes to have further discussion to adopt revised Annex1 of CMM17 at MoP13, based on the recommendation by the SC11.

The purpose of these revisions is, as discussed and agreed in SC11, to restructure the table so that it better reflects which gears are operated by which CCPs for each targeted-species/fisheries. In addition, because a gear-oriented table is better suited to capturing other commercially valuable species that have been taken by CCPs but are not currently listed, SC11 agreed to include a footnote enabling the incorporation of such species into Annex 1, provided that they are historically recorded as part of the normal fishing operations.

The proposed draft amendments is directly brought from the Annex M of the SIOFA SC11 Report, which SC11 recommends for adoption by MoP13.

Japan therefore requests CC11 to review the proposal and propose it for adoption to MoP13, and MoP13 to review and adopt the proposal.

Annex 1 – Established fisheries in the SIOFA Area¹

Targeted species ² / fisheries ³	Fishing gear ⁴	Area	Participants
Patagonian toothfish	Traps <u>(deep water >200m)</u>	Designated <u>bottom</u> fishing footprints of Australia, EU (Spain), Japan, and France (Overseas Territories). SIOFA sub-areas 3b and 7	Australia, EU (Spain), France (Overseas Territories), Japan, Korea
	Set longline <u>(deep water >200m)</u>	Designated <u>bottom</u> fishing footprints of Australia, EU (Spain), Japan, and France (Overseas Territories). SIOFA sub-areas 3b and 7	Australia, EU (Spain), France (Overseas Territories), Japan, Korea
Orange roughy	Bottom trawl	Designated <u>bottom</u> fishing footprints of Australia, Cook Islands, Japan. Underwater topographic features in SIOFA sub-areas 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 4, 5 and 6.	Australia, Cook Islands, Japan, China, Mauritius
Alfonsino	Midwater trawl	Designated fishing footprints of Australia, Cook Islands and Japan. Underwater topographic features in SIOFA sub-areas 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 4, 5 and 6.	Australia, Cook Islands, Japan, Korea, <u>Mauritius</u>
	<u>Benthopelagic trawl</u>	Designated fishing footprints of Australia, Cook Islands and Japan. Underwater topographic features in SIOFA sub-areas 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 4, 5 and 6.	Australia, Cook Islands, Japan, Korea, <u>Mauritius</u>
	<u>Bottom trawl</u>	Designated <u>bottom</u> fishing footprints of Australia, Cook Islands, Japan. Underwater topographic features in SIOFA sub-areas 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 4, 5 and 6.	Australia, Cook Islands
Brushtooth lizardfish and scads	Single boat otter board trawl	Designated <u>bottom</u> fishing footprint of Thailand.	Thailand
	<u>Paired trawls</u> Trawl (nei)	Designated <u>bottom</u> fishing footprint of Thailand.	Thailand
<u>Shallow-water (<200m)</u> , Carangoides spp., snappers,	Bottom trawl <u>(shallow water <200m)</u>	Designated <u>bottom</u> fishing footprint of Thailand. SIOFA sub-area 8 (mainly Saya de Malha Bank)	EU (France), Mauritius, Thailand, Comoros

¹ Annex 1 may be updated by the Meeting of the Parties upon the advice of the Scientific Committee concerning historical catch data and/or other information submitted by CCPs regarding their targeted fisheries.

² As per the endorsed definition adopted by MoP10 (MoP10 Report Para 130).

³ For each listed participant, an established fishery may include other primary and secondary species taken with the listed gear, provided that such species have been historically recorded as part of the normal fishing operations.

⁴ See FAO Fishing Gear Descriptions.

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emperors and groupers	Traps (<u>shallow water <200m</u>)	Designated <u>bottom</u> fishing footprint of Thailand. SIOFA sub-area 8 (mainly Saya de Malha Bank)	EU (France), Mauritius, Thailand, Comoros
	Set longline (<u>shallow water <200m</u>)	Designated fishing footprint of Thailand. SIOFA sub-area 8 (mainly Saya de Malha Bank)	EU (France), Mauritius, Thailand, Comoros
	Hook and line (handlines) (<u>shallow water <200m</u>)	Designated fishing footprint of Thailand. SIOFA sub-area 8 (mainly Saya de Malha Bank)	EU (France), Mauritius, Thailand, Comoros
Deep water (>200m) sSnappers, lutjanids and hapuka	Set longline (<u>deep water >200m</u>)	Designated <u>bottom</u> fishing footprints of the EU (Spain) and Australia. SIOFA Subareas 2, 3a, 3b and 4.	Australia, China, EU (Spain)
	Dropline (<u>deep water >200m</u>)	Designated <u>bottom</u> fishing footprints of the EU (Spain) and Australia. SIOFA Subareas 2, 3a, 3b and 4.	Australia, China, EU (Spain)
Oilfish	Pelagic longline, dropline	SIOFA Subareas 1, 3b and 8 Southwest Indian Ocean	Chinese Taipei, Seychelles
Squid	Light seining, Squid Jigging	Designated fishing footprint of China. SIOFA Subareas 1, 4, 7 and 8	China
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