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## **Agenda item 1 – Opening of the session**

### **1.1. Opening statements**

1. The Vice-Chair of the Compliance Committee, Mr Ichiro Nomura (Japan), served as the Acting Chair due to the resignation of Mr Johnny Louys (Seychelles) as the Chair of the Compliance Committee. He opened the meeting at 05:00 UTC, welcomed all delegates, and thanked the Government of Mauritius for hosting the meeting. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, with delegates attending in person in Turtle Bay, Balaclava, Mauritius, at the Ravenala Attitude Hotel, or via videoconference.
2. The Executive Secretary, Mr Thierry Clot, also expressed his welcome to the delegates and his thanks to the Government of Mauritius for hosting the meeting, as well as his hope for a productive meeting. He then outlined the meeting arrangements.
3. The Chair opened the floor for delegation introductions. The list of participants is available in Annex A.

### **1.2. Admission of observers**

4. The Chair welcomed Comoros and India as Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNCs) and Madagascar and the Southern Indian Ocean Deepsea Fishers Association (SIODFA) as Observers.

## **Agenda item 2 – Administrative arrangements**

### **2.1. Adoption of the agenda**

5. The Compliance Committee reviewed the revised provisional agenda. The Chair proposed the establishment of a new agenda item, 9.2, to discuss potential amendments to Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) 2022/02 (Data Standards) proposed by the SC. The Compliance Committee agreed to the proposal and amended the revised provisional agenda. The agenda was adopted by the Compliance Committee (Annex B).

### **2.2. Confirmation of meeting documents**

6. The Chair advised that meeting documents are available on the website and that the list of meeting documents is presented in CC-07-ADM-06 rev4 (Annex C).
7. The European Union (EU) noted that a number of papers were submitted after the deadline for submission to the Compliance Committee.
8. The Chair explained that these papers were originally submitted to the Meeting of the Parties (MoP) in time for the deadline for submission to the MoP. He suggested that, in order to facilitate the discussions of the MoP, it would be beneficial for these papers to be first reviewed by the Compliance Committee and had requested them to be submitted to the Compliance Committee. Although this occurred after the deadline for the submission of papers to the Compliance Committee, the Chair suggested that the Compliance Committee accept the late submission of these documents and review them at this meeting on an exceptional basis.
9. The Compliance Committee agreed to the Chair's suggestion.
10. The EU noted that the draft SIOFA Compliance Report, the draft IUU Vessel List, the report of Chinese Taipei's transshipments and transfers, and the summary report of Thailand's at-sea transfers had been designated as restricted documents. The EU proposed that, in the interest of transparency, these papers be made publicly available.
11. The Compliance Committee agreed to make the draft SIOFA Compliance Report and the draft IUU Vessel List publicly available.

### **2.3. Appointment of rapporteurs**

12. The Executive Secretary proposed Mr Alexander Meyer (Urban Connections, Tokyo) as rapporteur for this meeting.
13. The Compliance Committee agreed to appoint Mr Alexander Meyer as rapporteur.

## **Agenda item 3 – SIOFA Compliance Monitoring Scheme**

### **3.1. Consideration of the Draft SIOFA Compliance Report (dSCR) and adoption of the Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report (pSCR)**

14. The Compliance Officer, Mr Johnny Louys, presented the draft SIOFA Compliance Report (dSCR) outlined in CC-07-02 rev1. The Compliance Committee reviewed the dSCR and assigned the compliance status and relevant follow-up actions in accordance with the provisions of CMM 2020/11 (Compliance Monitoring Scheme).
15. Mauritius explained that, for several compliance assessment items, it had not reported the required information to the Secretariat on time as it was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank at that time and that once this matter had been resolved, it submitted said information as soon as possible. Mauritius accepted the status of critically non-compliant for these items and expressed its commitment to report the necessary information in a timely manner in future.
16. The Compliance Committee discussed the applicability of subparagraphs a, b and c of paragraph 18 of CMM 2022/02 (Data Standards). The Compliance Committee agreed that, in future, the following approach should be consistently applied:
  - a. The obligation stipulated in paragraph 18(a) is only applicable to a CCP if it has conducted any fishing activities in the SIOFA Area in the applicable assessment period.
  - b. The obligations stipulated in paragraphs 18(b) and 18(c) are applicable to a CCP if it has any vessels on the SIOFA Record of Authorised Vessels in the applicable assessment period, regardless of whether it has conducted any fishing activities in the SIOFA Area in that period.
17. Regarding the status of Korea's compliance with the obligation stipulated in paragraph 18(c), the Compliance Committee noted that Korea had vessels on the SIOFA Record of Authorised Vessels but did not submit an annual data verification report through its National Report. The Compliance Committee also noted, however, the previous lack of clarity on the applicability of this provision, that Korea had no fishing activity in the applicable year, that it had reported the verified data for all of its previous fishing activity and information about its data verification mechanism in 2021, and that it had submitted the requisite information during the compliance assessment process. The Compliance Committee therefore agreed to assess Korea's compliance status as 'not applicable'.
18. Regarding a self-assessment that had been left blank, the Seychelles pointed out that, even if a CCP has not provided a self-assessment for a particular obligation, that should not prevent the Secretariat from proposing a provisional compliance status in the dSCR.
19. The Compliance Committee discussed the applicability of paragraphs 4 and 5 of CMM 2019/10 (Monitoring) and agreed that these paragraphs apply only to vessels on the SIOFA Record of Authorised Vessels based on the definitions of 'fishing vessel', 'fishing', and 'fishery resources' under the Agreement.
20. **The Compliance Committee adopted the provisional Compliance Report (pSCR) outlined in Annex D and agreed to forward it to the Meeting of the Parties (MoP) for its consideration.**

21. India provided late comments on the pSCR and the Compliance Committee was not able to consider those comments.

### **3.2. Discussion on the CCR template update process**

22. The Compliance Officer explained that, based on feedback received from CCPs at CC06, the Secretariat had developed a first draft of a new CCPs' Compliance Report (CCR) template and circulated this to CCPs for comment. The comments received were generally positive. In response to the suggestion of one CCP to focus the compliance assessment process on the implementation of CMMs by CCPs, rather than how CCPs have implemented their SIOFA obligations in their domestic law, the Secretariat also drafted an alternative template. The two proposed templates are described in CC-07-03.
23. The Compliance Committee considered the two proposals. Some CCPs expressed their preference for the approach in the first proposed template, while others expressed their preference for the approach in the second proposed template.
24. The Compliance Committee agreed that, regardless of which template is ultimately decided on, it would be beneficial to ensure that all obligations stipulated in the SIOFA CMMs are covered in the CMS and to improve the clarity and efficiency of this process.
25. **The Compliance Committee agreed to continue to discuss and develop a new template with due regard to the two templates described in CC-07-03 intersessionally and requested the Secretariat to lead the intersessional discussions.**
26. **The Compliance Committee agreed to conduct the next compliance assessment using the existing template, while it continues to discuss and develop a new template.**

## **Agenda item 4 – New or Amended Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs)**

### **4.1. Proposals for amendments to Conservation and Management Measures**

27. The EU presented CC-07-09, which proposed amending CMM 2019/10 (Monitoring) to align SIOFA's rules on transshipment with the Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment agreed at the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Committee on Fisheries in September 2022.
28. The Compliance Committee reviewed the proposed amendments as described in CC-07-09 rev1.
29. The Compliance Committee expressed general support for the revised proposal, while noting that a number of pending matters still need to be addressed.
30. The EU expressed its intention to make further revisions based on feedback from CCPs and to present a further revised proposal to the MoP.
31. **The Compliance Committee agreed to forward the proposal to the MoP for its consideration and further work, with a view to adopting a revised CMM at MoP10.**
32. Australia presented CC-07-13, which proposed amending CMM 2022/12 (Sharks) to align it with the recommendations by the SC (paragraphs 230–234, SC8 Report) and to update Annex 1 to reflect the results of the updated chondrichthyan environmental risk assessment (paragraph 250, SC8 Report), with the aim of improving the management of deepwater sharks and reducing catches in the SIOFA Area.
33. The Compliance Committee reviewed the proposed amendments and CCPs provided suggestions for further revisions.
34. Australia thanked CCPs for their feedback and expressed its intention to present a revised proposal at the upcoming Meeting of the Parties.
35. Australia presented CC-07-14, which proposed amending CMM 2021/15 (Management of Demersal Stocks) based on the recommendations from SC8 (paragraphs 141–155, SC8

Report), specifically to improve the management of toothfish stocks, including adding the area of toothfish fishing outside the Del Cano Rise management area and establishing observer and reporting requirements for it, articulating the area of each management zone and fixing the inconsistency in the coordinates specified for Williams Ridge as identified by the SC, and developing the use of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) trend analysis rules.

36. The Compliance Committee reviewed the proposed amendments and CCPs provided suggestions for further revisions.
37. **The Compliance Committee endorsed the recommendation of the SC (paragraph 155, SC8 Report) to extend the Del Cano Rise management area to the northeast.**
38. **The Compliance Committee noted that further work will be necessary to develop new management areas and catch limits for toothfish in the year ahead and recommended that the MoP amend CMM 2021/15 to establish observer and reporting requirements as follows:**
  - a. **Each vessel participating in the fishery shall have at least one scientific observer on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period. The observer shall have a target of observing 25% of hooks hauled per line over the duration of the fishing deployment.**
  - b. **CCPs shall require their flagged vessels to tag and release *Dissostichus* spp. specimens at a rate of at least 5 fish per tonne of green weight caught. A minimum overlap statistic of at least 60% shall apply for tag release, once 30 or more *Dissostichus* spp. are caught.**
39. **The Compliance Committee recommended that the MoP request the SC to provide advice on an appropriate toothfish catch limit for the Del Cano Rise area if it is extended.**
40. **The Compliance Committee recommended that the MoP request the SC to provide advice on an appropriate toothfish catch limit for the proposed Southern Indian Ridge management area as well as harmonisation of toothfish management measures across the Agreement Area. The Compliance Committee agreed to defer discussion of the establishment of this management area until it has received the SC's advice.**
41. Australia thanked CCPs for their feedback and expressed its intention to present a revised proposal that incorporates the recommendations in paragraphs 37 and 38 at the upcoming Meeting of the Parties.

#### **4.2. Proposals for new Conservation and Management Measures**

42. The EU presented its proposal, in CC-07-11, for a CMM for the establishment of a SIOFA Vessel Monitoring System (VMS). The EU explained that it presented a previous version of the proposal at MoP8 (MoP-08-16\_rev1) and earlier MoPs and that the current proposal reflects MoP8's endorsement of a hybrid approach and comments received from other CCPs on the earlier versions of the proposal. Alongside the proposal for the establishment of a new CMM, the EU also presented, in the same paper, a proposal for the establishment of an intersessional working group to develop detailed Standards, Specifications and Procedures for data formats and transmission, data confidentiality and security requirements, etc., noting the agreement of MoP8 to hold an intersessional working process among interested CCPs for further discussions of the technical details of the proposed VMS.
43. The EU noted that it was willing to make available a substantial financial contribution to support the development of the SIOFA VMS, including technical support for developing Standards, Specifications and Procedures, the acquisition, installation and testing of the

system (hardware and software), as well as training for Secretariat staff. The EU explained that this funding was contingent on the adoption of the proposed CMM by MoP10 and that the funding would be lost if the CMM was not adopted this year.

44. The Compliance Committee reviewed the proposal as described in CC-07-11 rev1.
45. The Compliance Committee expressed general support for the revised proposal, while noting that a number of pending matters still need to be addressed.
46. The EU expressed its intention to make further revisions based on feedback from CCPs and to present a further revised proposal to the MoP.
47. **The Compliance Committee agreed to forward the proposal to the MoP for its consideration and further work, with a view to adopting a CMM for the establishment of a SIOFA VMS at MoP10.**
48. During the review of the EU's proposal, some CCPs suggested that all SIOFA CMMs should have a paragraph, similar to paragraph 3 of the proposed CMM, that stipulates that the CMM shall apply to fishing vessels flying the flag of a CCP that are entered onto the SIOFA Record of Authorised Vessels and operating in the Agreement Area as defined in Article 3 of the Agreement, as this would help to prevent ambiguity in the CMM's applicability.

### **4.3. Discussion on the application of current CMMs**

#### **4.3.1. High Seas Boarding and Inspection Scheme**

##### **4.3.1.1. Update on boarding questionnaire translations**

49. The Compliance Officer presented CC-07-INFO-07, which provided an update on the translation of the High Seas Boarding and Inspection (HSBI) Questionnaire into CCPs' respective languages as requested by MoP8. To date, the Secretariat has received translations in six languages (Chinese, French, Japanese, official Thai language, Spanish, and traditional Chinese). These were all received within the stipulated deadline of 90 days after the conclusion of MoP8. They are also available on the SIOFA website.
50. **The Compliance Committee noted the translations of the HSBI Questionnaire.**

## **Agenda item 5 – Listing of IUU Vessels**

### **5.1. Draft SIOFA IUU Vessel List**

51. The Compliance Committee considered the draft SIOFA illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) vessel list, which included three vessels, the IMULA 1655 MTR (flag: Sri Lanka), the IMULA 1783 MTR (flag: Sri Lanka), and the IMULA 1844 MTR (flag: Sri Lanka) as outlined in CC-07-04 rev3.
52. In relation to the IMULA 1655 MTR and the IMULA 1783 MTR,
  - a. The Chair and the Data Officer reminded the Compliance Committee of the considerations of these two vessels at CC6. The two vessels were not on the SIOFA record of authorised vessels and were presumed to have engaged in fishing within the SIOFA Area. However, at CC6, some CCPs considered that the matter fell under IOTC jurisdiction and outside SIOFA responsibility. Therefore, the CC was not able reach consensus to include the IMULA 1655 MTR and the IMULA 1783 MTR on the provisional SIOFA IUU vessel list. The Compliance Committee therefore agreed to retain the vessels on the draft SIOFA IUU vessel list for consideration at CC7 and requested Sri Lanka to provide further information such as observer data, port inspection reports, landing/sale notes, and transshipment declarations in the meantime.
  - b. The Chair explained that, based on the information subsequently provided by Sri Lanka, it became clear that the IMULA 1655 MTR had landed mobulid rays,

which is interpreted to be a violation of IOTC regulations that were already in place at the time. Furthermore, mobulid rays are also a species under SIOFA's competence and as the vessel was not on the SIOFA Record of Authorised Vessels, the landing of mobulid rays is also a violation of SIOFA regulations.

- c. The EU pointed out that at the time when they were sighted in the SIOFA Area, the two vessels were not registered on the IOTC or SIOFA authorised vessel lists, that Sri Lanka, as the flag state, has the responsibility to prove that these two vessels did not fish for SIOFA species or otherwise breach any SIOFA CMMs, and that the Compliance Committee has only received some of the information that it requested from Sri Lanka at CC6. Although Sri Lanka has declared that the vessels did not catch or land SIOFA species and that it checked the logbooks of the vessels, it did not clarify whether the logbooks were certified by an authorisation officer. Furthermore, although Sri Lanka has said that it checked the catch landed upon arrival, it has not provided any inspection report to SIOFA, any sales note, or any cross-check against the vessels' logbooks. Without this information, it is not possible to ascertain whether Sri Lanka has fulfilled its responsibility as a flag state. Therefore, the two vessels should be included on the provisional IUU vessel list.
- d. Australia noted that CMM 2022/06 specifies that "a vessel shall be included in the provisional IUU vessel list only if one or more criteria in paragraph 5 have been satisfied".

53. **The Compliance Committee noted that the IMULA 1655 MTR and the IMULA 1783 MTR were not on the SIOFA record of authorised vessels and are presumed to have engaged in fishing within the SIOFA Area, noted that Sri Lanka has yet to provide adequate evidence to demonstrate that these vessels did not engage in fishing within the SIOFA Area, and agreed to include the two vessels on the provisional SIOFA IUU vessel list.**

54. In relation to the IMULA 1844 MTR,

- a. The Chair reminded the Compliance Committee that at CC6, the Compliance Committee noted that the vessel was not on the SIOFA Record of Authorised Vessels and that it was suspected to have engaged in fishing in the SIOFA Area, and agreed to include it on the provisional IUU vessel list. At MoP9, the MoP could not reach consensus on including the vessel on the final IUU vessel and the vessel therefore remained on the draft IUU vessel list for consideration by the Compliance Committee at CC7. Subsequently, Sri Lanka notified the Secretariat that it has penalised and prosecuted the vessel.
- b. The EU noted that one of the criteria for the removal of a vessel from the draft IUU vessel list is that effective action has been taken in response to the IUU fishing in question, including the imposition of sanctions of adequate severity. The EU noted that Sri Lanka has stated that the vessel has paid the penalty imposed by Sri Lanka, but Sri Lanka has not presented proof of payment from the operator. The EU further noted that Sri Lanka has not provided information about the amount or value of catch by the vessel, and it is therefore not possible for the Compliance Committee to determine whether the penalty of 500,000 Sri Lankan rupees is of adequate severity. The EU suggested that the Secretariat seek the aforementioned information from Sri Lanka so that the Compliance Committee can determine, at CC8, whether or not sanctions of adequate severity have been imposed on the vessel and

consequently whether or not the vessel should be removed from the draft IUU vessel list.

55. **The Compliance Committee noted that the IMULA 1844 MTR, a Sri Lankan-flagged vessel, was not on the SIOFA Record of Authorised Vessels, engaged in fishing in the SIOFA Area, and has been prosecuted and penalised by the Sri Lankan authorities. The Compliance Committee requested the Secretariat to contact Sri Lanka and seek to obtain proof of the vessel operator's payment of the penalty imposed by Sri Lanka and information regarding the amount and value of the catch made by the vessel, so that the Compliance Committee can determine, at CC8, whether or not sanctions of adequate severity have been imposed on the vessel and consequently whether or not the vessel should be removed from the draft IUU vessel list in accordance with paragraph 14 of CMM 2022/06 (IUU Vessel List). The Compliance Committee agreed to retain the vessel on the draft IUU vessel list for its consideration at CC8.**

#### **5.2. Current SIOFA IUU Vessel List and intersessional IUU vessels cross listing**

56. The Executive Secretary introduced the topic and recalled that the IUU-vessel cross-listing update is a continuous process, and that it is triggered by the reception of other RFMO IUU vessel lists. There will be an update pending the end of the objection period to incorporate the changes to the IOTC IUU-vessel list.
57. The Compliance Committee considered the current SIOFA IUU vessel list and the list of cross-listed IUU vessels from other RFMOs (CC-07-05).
58. **The Compliance Committee did not make any recommendations to the MoP to remove any vessel from the current SIOFA IUU vessel list.**
59. **The Compliance Committee did not make any recommendations to the MoP to remove any vessel from list of cross-listed IUU vessels from other RFMOs. However, it noted that one vessel on the list had been listed twice under two names, ZHI MING and FREEDOM 7, and requested the Secretariat to list the vessel only under the name FREEDOM 7.**
60. **The Compliance Committee endorsed the provisional SIOFA IUU Vessel List as outlined in Annex E and recommended that the MoP adopt this list as the IUU Vessel List.**

### **Agenda item 6 – Sightings of vessels reported to the Secretariat**

#### **6.1. Sighting of Vessels without Nationality (CMM 2016/04 Vessels without Nationality)**

61. **The Compliance Committee noted that there were no reports of sightings of vessels without nationality provided to the Secretariat since the 3rd Compliance Committee meeting (July 2019).**

#### **6.2. Sighting of fishing by vessels flagged to Non-CCPs (CMM 2022/09 Control)**

62. **The Compliance Committee noted that there were no reports of sightings of fishing by vessels flagged to non-CCPs provided to the Secretariat.**

### **Agenda item 7 – Monitoring, Control and Surveillance**

#### **7.1. Port inspection reports**

63. The Compliance Officer presented CC-07-INFO-01 rev2, which outlines 24 port inspection reports from the EU, 3 port inspection reports from Mauritius, and 3 port inspection reports from South Africa, covering the year 2022.
64. **The Compliance Committee noted the port inspections report (CC-07-INFO-01 rev2).**

#### **7.2. Entry/Exit reports**

65. The Data Officer presented the entry/exit notifications summary report, CC-07-INFO-02

rev1, which outlines the entry/exit notifications received at the Secretariat from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. A total of 963 entry-exit notifications were received. 32 notifications were received more than 24 hours after the entry or exit event. There were 3 reporting anomalies whereby 2 or more consecutive entries or exits were reported.

66. **The Compliance Committee noted the entry/exit notifications summary report (CC-07-INFO-02 rev1).**

### **7.3. At sea Transfer and Transshipment reports**

67. The Data Officer presented Chinese Taipei's at-sea transfers and transshipments report, CC-07-INFO-03, which outlined 105 transshipments and 151 transfers in 2022 and Thailand's at-sea transfers report, CC-07-INFO-06, which outlined 50 transfers in 2022.
68. **The Compliance Committee noted Chinese Taipei's at-sea transfers and transshipments report for 2022 (CC-07-INFO-03) and Thailand's at-sea transfers report (CC-07-INFO-06) for 2022.**

### **7.4. Vessel authorisation information**

69. The Executive Secretary introduced CC-07-INFO-04 rev5, which summarised the status of the submission of vessel authorisation information.
70. Mauritius explained that it had been informed by the Secretariat that some of the vessel photos it had submitted were of low resolution and that it is currently working to provide photos of a higher resolution.
71. Australia explained that it is currently working to fill the information gaps for its vessels by the deadline. Australia explained that it has taken steps to prevent the recurrence of an issue whereby it missed the deadline for notifying the Secretariat to remove, from the Record of Authorised Vessels, one of its vessels that had been sold and de-flagged.
72. **The Compliance Committee noted the summary of the status of the submission of data required in paragraph 2 of CMM 2022/07 (Vessels Authorisation) for fishing vessels authorised to fish in the Agreement Area, as described in CC-07-INFO-04 rev5.**
73. The Data Officer informed the Compliance Committee that the Secretariat has further developed the Record of Authorised Vessels section of the SIOFA website and explained that some information about each vessel is available on the public part of the website, while photos and additional details about each vessel are available on the restricted part of the website.
74. Several CCPs considered it unusual for the photos of the vessels to only be available on the restricted part of the SIOFA website. They pointed out that these photos should be made available in the public domain as they are important for efforts to combat IUU fishing and do not contain commercially sensitive information.
75. The Data Officer referred to paragraph 5 of CMM 2022/07 (Vessels Authorisation) and paragraph 2a)i) of CMM 2016/03 (Data Confidentiality) when determining which vessel information could be made publicly available.
76. The Compliance Committee noted that paragraph 2a)i) of CMM 2016/03 does not expressly include photos as public domain data. However, the Compliance Committee also noted that the chapeau of paragraph 2a)i) reads "The policy for releasing catch-and-effort, length-frequency and observer data will be as follows:" and determined that this paragraph is not an appropriate cross-reference for paragraph 5 of CMM 2022/07.
77. **The Compliance Committee agreed that the photos of vessels on the Record of Authorised Vessels can be made publicly available.**
78. **The Compliance Committee also agreed to recommend that the MoP consider amending CMM 2022/07 at MoP11 to address this issue.**

## Agenda item 8 – Outcome of the Performance Review on Matters Related to Compliance and the Compliance Committee

79. The Chairperson of the SIOFA Performance Review Panel, Ms Fuensanta Candela Castillo, introduced CC-07-01, the 1<sup>st</sup> SIOFA Performance Review Report, for review by the Compliance Committee.
80. The Compliance Committee expressed its appreciation to the Performance Review Panel for its hard work and comprehensive report, and to the Performance Review Panel Chairperson for attending the meeting and making herself available for questions and clarifications.
81. The Compliance Committee reviewed the recommendations from the 1<sup>st</sup> SIOFA Performance Review. The Compliance Committee considered that recommendations 9, 22–32, and 36 directly concerned the Compliance Committee and agreed to focus its review on these recommendations.

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
9	The Panel recommends CCPs to launch an exercise of consolidation of the various CMMs into a corpus of SIOFA rules and regulations, with the aim of codifying the applicable rules to make them clearer, easier to interpret and easier to control in terms of compliance. This exercise should identify existing gaps and possible contradictions, issues of interpretation in need of resolving, and a future structure of the corpus that allows the different actors on whom the various obligations fall (from SIOFA's own bodies, to CCP authorities, to fishers) to have a clear and user-friendly access to their applicable rules and discipline.	M

82. **Regarding Recommendation Nr 9, the Compliance Committee endorsed the recommendation to identify existing gaps and possible contradictions, and issues of interpretation in need of resolving, while noting that this is part of the ongoing work of the Compliance Committee. The Compliance Committee did not endorse the recommendation to consolidate the various CMMs into a corpus of SIOFA rules and regulations.**

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
22	The Panel recommends SIOFA CCPs consider incorporating the principles of a flag State performance self-assessment into their compliance monitoring scheme, including by tasking the CC with reviewing the annual national reports submitted by CCPs and currently reviewed only by the SC.	H/M

83. Regarding Recommendation Nr 22, the Compliance Committee noted that flag State performance self-assessment is already part of the CMS, and that the Secretariat identifies any potential compliance issues from the annual national reports and replies to compliance questionnaire and presents these to the Compliance Committee for its consideration.

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
23	The Panel recommends SIOFA CCPs consider the adoption of binding application of the Port Inspection Scheme to all ports of every CCPs, without the condition to apply to those having areas of national jurisdiction adjacent to the Agreement Area.	H/M

**84. Regarding Recommendation Nr 23, the Compliance Committee expressed its general support for reviewing the scope of the Port Inspection Scheme.**

85. One CCP supported expanding the scope of the Port Inspection Scheme but not to " all ports of every CCP" as stated in the Panel's recommendation, and cautioned that any potential amendment to the current scheme should be carefully considered to avoid adding unnecessary burden on ports not adjacent to the Agreement Area.

86. Australia expressed its intention to prepare a proposal to amend CMM 2020/08 (Port Inspection), based on Recommendation Nr 23 and the views expressed by CCPs, with the aim to present this proposal at CC8.

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
24	The Panel recommends SIOFA adopts at least a minimum standard regarding inspection coverage of all fishing vessels carrying or landing resources of its competence which enter their ports.	H

87. Australia expressed its intention to consider Recommendation Nr 24 when preparing its aforementioned proposal to amend CMM 2020/08.

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
25	The Panel recommends SIOFA CCPs investigate possible landings or transshipments of SIOFA species at ports placed under the jurisdiction of non-CCPs, and if this is found to happen, initiate demarches with the relevant port States to request they become CCPs or cooperate with SIOFA as appropriate.	H

**88. The Compliance Committee expressed its general support for Recommendation Nr 25.**

Some CCPs had different interpretations of the definition of "demarches" but agreed that, if possible landings or transshipments of SIOFA species are found to have occurred at ports placed under the jurisdiction of non-CCPs, the Secretariat should contact the relevant port States to request they become CCPs or cooperate with SIOFA as appropriate.

89. The Chairperson of the Review Panel clarified that the key element of the investigation is the need to investigate possible landings or transshipments of SIOFA species at ports placed under the jurisdiction of non-CCPs.

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
26	The Panel recommends and encourages SIOFA CCPs to continue their efforts to agree on a SIOFA VMS in order to verify vessels activity in the Agreement Area. The Panel also recommends that CCPs adopt rules for the submission VMS data until such scheme is adopted.	H/M

90. **Regarding Recommendation Nr 26, the Compliance Committee endorsed the recommendation to continue efforts to agree on a SIOFA VMS and noted that this work is ongoing.**
91. One CCP suggested that Recommendation Nr 26 should be assigned a priority of 'H' rather than 'H/M'.
92. Another CCP suggested that the second recommendation, to adopt rules for the submission of VMS data, should only be considered if and when a SIOFA VMS is agreed upon.

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
27	The Panel recommends SIOFA CCPs urgently seek to clarify the various issues of interpretation affecting the implementation of several MCS measures, in particular those related to CMM 06 on the IUU vessel list, CMM 07 on Vessel authorisation and CMM 14 on the HSBI procedures, including by seeking independent legal or technical advice if necessary.	H

93. The Compliance Committee did not express any views regarding Recommendation Nr 27.

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
28	The Panel recommends including in the agenda of the Compliance Committee a specific standing item on follow-up actions in the framework of the CMS for the previous year or years.	H

94. **The Compliance Committee endorsed Recommendation Nr 28 and noted that the review of follow-up actions is already part of its CMS framework.**

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
29	The Panel recommends SIOFA CCPs agree on a review of CMM 11 on a Compliance Monitoring Scheme in order to facilitate its interpretation, taking into account the changes proposed by this Panel, including to the CCR template and the rules regarding follow up action on infringements identified in previous years.	H/M

95. **The Compliance Committee noted Recommendation Nr 29 and that the review of CMM 2020/11 (Compliance Monitoring Scheme) is part of its ongoing work. The Compliance Committee agreed to consider the Review Panel's views as part of its CMS review process.**

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
30	The Panel recommends SIOFA CCPs task the Secretariat with an assignment as high priority for the Compliance Officer the strengthening of the Secretariat's technical capacity to examine, analyse and verify the data collected for the purposes of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme.	H/M

96. **The Compliance Committee expressed agreement with Recommendation Nr 30.**

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
31	The Panel recommends that SIOFA CCPs task the Secretariat to assess the capacity building needed in order to improve implementation of their obligations by the CCPs, prioritizing the most urgent and providing options to ensure appropriate assistance is provided to CCPs which so require.	M

97. **The Compliance Committee endorsed Recommendation Nr 31 and noted that the identification of capacity gaps is an essential part of an effective CMS.**

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
32	The Panel recommends SIOFA CCPs discuss the possible adoption of a new measure on a Catch Documentation Scheme, focusing, in particular, on CCAMLR's DCD, and explore options for its implementation. The Panel recommends SIOFA strengthens its cooperation with CCAMLR in this regard, including by requesting capacity building support for the Secretariat so that it can contribute to future joint work by the two organisations.	H/M

98. **The Compliance Committee noted that Recommendation Nr 32 pertains to a Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) for toothfish, noted that all SIOFA CCPs fishing for toothfish are Members of CCAMLR, where there is already a CDS for toothfish, and are thus already required to document catches of toothfish in the SIOFA Area, and agreed that it is therefore not necessary to establish a SIOFA CDS for toothfish, rather, it is adequate to continue its ongoing cooperation with CCAMLR.**

Nr	Recommendation	Priority (H/M/L)
36	The Panel recommends SIOFA CCPs agree to share data regarding the implementation of their fisheries control obligations and utilise such data in the framework of CMM 11's Compliance Monitoring Scheme in order to assess whether SIOFA's control-related measures are effectively implemented.	H/M

99. The Compliance Committee did not express any views regarding Recommendation Nr 36.

## **Agenda item 9 – Consideration of Matters discussed at the Scientific Committee**

### **9.1. Definition of the temporal scope of paragraph 18 of CMM 2021/15**

100. The Science Officer, Dr Marco Milardi, presented a request for clarification from the SC regarding the temporal scope of paragraph 18 of CMM 2021/15 (Management of Demersal Stocks) as outlined in CC-07-INFO-05. He explained that the SC had noted that paragraph 18 was originally intended to ensure spatial distribution of tagging and that it sets a maximum number of hooks and a minimum distance (3 nm) between lines, but does not specify the time period (e.g., set, trip or season) that should separate these lines sets, which may cause confusion in implementation.

101. The EU explained that, in its recollection, this provision had been inserted in CMM 15

when it was first adopted following a discussion on depredation and local depletion, rather than the spatial distribution of tagging.

102. **The Compliance Committee agreed that it did not have all the elements it needed to make the determination requested by the SC. The Compliance Committee recommended that the MoP request the SC to provide advice on whether depredation, local depletion, and the spatial distribution of tagging are issues that need to be addressed in the Del Cano Rise area.**

#### **9.2. Amendment to CMM 2022/02 (Data Standards) proposed by the SC**

103. The Data Officer presented CC-07-10, which proposed amending CMM 2022/02 (Data Standards) to improve VME taxa bycatch information and recording by the crew in Annex A and by the observers in Annex B.
104. The Compliance Committee reviewed and further revised the proposed amendments. **The Compliance Committee agreed to forward the proposal outlined in CC-07-10 rev1 (Annex F) and to recommend it to the MoP for adoption.**

### **Agenda item 10 – Review of the status of Cooperating Non Contracting Parties (CNCPS)**

105. The Compliance Committee noted that Comoros submitted a request to renew its status as a cooperating non-Contracting Party. The request from Comoros is available in **Annex G**.
106. **The Compliance Committee recommended that the MoP determines that Comoros qualifies to retain its CNCP status.**
107. The Compliance Committee noted that India submitted a request to renew its status as a cooperating non-Contracting Party. The request from India is available in **Annex H**.
108. **The Compliance Committee recommended that the MoP determines that India qualifies to retain its CNCP status.**
109. The Compliance Committee noted that, at MoP9, India had expressed its intention to fish for SIOFA fishery resources in the future and requested India to provide any additional information it has about this intention at the upcoming Meeting of the Parties.
110. The Executive Secretary informed the Compliance Committee that India recently indicated to the Secretariat its intention to become a CP.

### **Agenda item 11 – Election of a future Chair and Vice Chair for the Compliance Committee**

111. The Compliance Committee noted that the position of Chair of the Compliance Committee is vacant due to the resignation of Mr Johnny Louys.
112. **The Compliance Committee agreed to elect Mr Ichiro Nomura to serve as the Compliance Committee Chair for a two-year term.**
113. The Compliance Committee noted that, with the election of Mr Nomura to the position of Chair, the position of Vice Chair is currently vacant. No nominations for the Vice-Chair position were received during the meeting.

### **Agenda item 12 – Any other business**

114. No other business was raised.

### **Agenda item 13 – Adoption of the Compliance Committee report**

115. The Compliance Committee thanked the Acting Chair for his excellent work and his willingness to continue as the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee in the future.

116. The Chair thanked the Compliance Committee for its diligence and cooperation.
117. The report of the 7th meeting of the SIOFA Compliance Committee was adopted at 4:45 p.m. UTC, 30 June 2023 and the meeting was closed.

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## **Annex B – Agenda of the 7th Compliance Committee Meeting**

### **1. Opening of the session**

- 1.1. Opening statements
- 1.2. Admission of observers

### **2. Administrative arrangements**

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

### **3. SIOFA Compliance Monitoring Scheme**

- 3.1. Consideration of the Draft SIOFA Compliance Report (dSCR) and adoption of the Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report (pSCR)

*Standing agenda item. In accordance with CMM 2020/11 Compliance Monitoring Scheme, the CC will shall consider the Draft SIOFA Compliance Report (dSCR) and adopt a Provisional Compliance Report (pSCR) which shall be forwarded to the Meeting of the Parties for consideration at its ordinary meeting.*

- 3.2 Discussion on the CCR template update process

*The secretariat shall present progress it has made with regards to the updating of the CCR template, as requested by the CC06.*

### **4. New or Amended Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs)**

*Standing agenda item to allow the development of recommendations to the MoP on new or amended CMMs*

- 4.1. Proposals for amendments to Conservation and Management Measures
- 4.2. Proposals for new Conservation and Management Measures
- 4.3. Discussion on the application of current CMMs

- 4.3.1 High Seas Boarding and Inspection Scheme (CMM 2021/14) (HBSI)

- 4.3.1.1. Update on boarding questionnaire translations

- Secretariat to provide update on progress of Translation of Boarding Questionnaire*

### **5. Listing of IUU Vessels**

#### **5.1. Draft SIOFA IUU Vessel List**

*Standing agenda item. In accordance with CMM 2022/06 paras 12 (a) and 13, the CC shall consider the draft SIOFA IUU Vessel List and adopt a provisional SIOFA IUU Vessel List for MoP consideration. In accordance with CC06 report, para 59, and MoP09 report, para 59, three vessels are already included in the draft SIOFA IUU Vessel List.*

- 5.1.1. CC06 and MoP09 draft IUU Vessel List

- 5.1.2. New draft IUU vessels

#### **5.2. Current SIOFA IUU Vessel List and intersessional IUU vessels cross listing**

*Standing agenda item. In accordance with CMM 2022/06 paras 12 (b) and 14, the CC shall consider the current SIOFA IUU Vessel List and recommend to the MoP which, if any, vessels should be removed from*

*the current IUU Vessel List. In accordance with paras 24 and 25 and following to the submission of other organizations' IUU vessel lists, the SIOFA IUU Vessel List has been updated by intersessional decisions.*

### 5.3 Adoption of provisional SIOFA IUU Vessel List

## **6. Sightings of vessels reported to the Secretariat**

### 6.1. Sighting of Vessels without Nationality (CMM 2016/04 Vessels without Nationality)

*Standing agenda item. Secretariat report on any sightings of vessels suspected of, or confirmed as being, without nationality, operating in the Agreement Area communicated to the Secretariat by CCPs. Sightings and report provided in accordance with Paragraph 5 of CMM 2016/04 on Vessels without Nationality.*

### 6.2. Sighting of fishing by vessels flagged to Non-CCPs (CMM 2022/09 Control)

*New agenda item. Secretariat report on any sightings of fishing by vessels of non-CCPs operating in the Agreement Area, that has been communicated to the Secretariat by CCPs pursuant to paragraph 12 of CMM 2022/09 on Control. In accordance with paragraph 13, the Secretariat shall forward this information to all CCPs for information and for consideration of further action as required by Article 17 of the Agreement at the next ordinary Meeting of the Parties.*

## **7. Monitoring, Control and Surveillance**

### 7.1. Port inspection reports (CMM 2020/08 Port Inspection)

*Status on inspection reports received by the Secretariat (paras 24 and 25)*

### 7.2. Entry/Exit reports (CMM 2019/10 Monitoring)

*Status on entry-exit notifications received at the Secretariat*

### 7.3. At sea Transfer and Transshipment reports (CMM 2019/10 Monitoring)

*Summary report on at sea transshipment and transfer notifications received at the Secretariat*

### 7.4. Vessel authorisation information (CMM 2022/07 Vessel Authorisation)

*Summary report on completeness of information received at the Secretariat for vessels included in the Record, in accordance with paragraph 3 of CMM 2022/07.*

## **8. Outcome of the Performance Review on Matters Related to Compliance and the Compliance Committee**

## **9. Consideration of Matters discussed at the Scientific Committee**

9.1. Definition of the temporal scope of paragraph 18 of CMM 2021/15 as recommended by the 8th Meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC08 report, paragraph 203)

9.2. Amendment to CMM 2022/02 (Data Standards) proposed by the SC

## **10. Review of the status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNCPs)**

*Standing agenda item. The Compliance Committee will provide technical/compliance advice to inform the MoP decision on renewing/granting CNCP status (in accordance with Rule 17.8 of the Rules of Procedure).*

## **11. Election of a future Chair and Vice Chair for the Compliance Committee**

*Recalling that the Vice-Chair of the Compliance Committee is acting as Chair of the Compliance Committee, after the resignation of the previous Chair (Mr. Johnny Louys) in December 2022 the Chair of the Compliance Committee needs to be elected at the next ordinary meeting (in accordance with Rule 5.7 of the Rules of Procedure).*

*The Compliance Committee may also consider the election of a Vice Chair of the Compliance Committee. CCPs are invited to nominate candidates.*

**12. Any other business**

**13. Adoption of the Compliance Committee report**

*Review and adoption of the report.*

**14. Close of the meeting**

## Annex C – List of CC7 Meeting Documents (29/06/2023)

Code	Document Title	Relate to agenda item	Date submitted (1 <sup>st</sup> version)	Note
<i>Administration and Meeting organisation</i>				
CC-07-ADM-01	Registration Form			
CC-07-ADM-02	Template for CC7 document			
CC-07-ADM-03	Draft Provisional Agenda and schedule			
CC-07-ADM-04	Arrangement and information for CC7 and MoP10			
CC-07-ADM-05	Revised Provisional Agenda and schedule			
CC-07-ADM-06	List of CC7 Meeting Documents Rev4			
CC-07-ADM-07	List of CC7 Registered Participants Rev3			
CC-07-ADM-08	List of Agenda items and related Documents			
<i>Proposals and working papers</i>				
CC-07-01	Report of the 1st SIOFA Performance Review	8	2023-05-02	
CC-07-02	SIOFA Draft Compliance Report Rev1 (and ANNEX A)	3.1	2023-06-12	
CC-07-03	Discussion on the CCR template update process	3.2	2023-05-29	
CC-07-04	Draft SIOFA IUU Vessels List rev3	5.1	2023-05-29	
CC-07-05	Current SIOFA IUU Vessel List and Intersessional IUU vessel Cross listing	5.2	2023-05-29	
CC-07-06	Comoros Application to Renew its Status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties	10	2023-05-31	
CC-07-07	Technical edits to CMM01 (SC tasking)	4.1	2023-05-31	
CC-07-08	Technical edits to CMM15 (SC tasking)	4.1	2023-05-31	
CC-07-09	EU Proposal to amend CMM 2019/10 Monitoring Rev1	4.1	2023-05-29	
CC-07-10	SC Amendments to CMM 2022/02 Rev1	4.1	2023-05-26	
CC-07-11	EU Proposal for a SIOFA VMS CMM Rev1	4.2	2023-05-29	
CC-07-12	India Application to Renew its Status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties	10	2023-05-31	
CC-07-13	Australia-proposal-to-amend-CMM-2022-12-Sharks.pdf	4.1	2023-06-06	Submitted to MoP (late to CC)
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## Annex D – Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report

**7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC7)**  
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### Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report SIOFA Secretariat

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<b>Abstract</b>	
Pursuant to the SIOFA Compliance Monitoring Scheme, the Compliance Committee has adopted a <i>Provisional</i> SIOFA Compliance Report. The report will be presented to the MoP10 for adoption.	

<b>Recommendations</b>
MoP10 to review the compliance status of each obligation and adopt a <i>Final</i> Compliance Report (fSCR) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• include an <i>agreed</i> compliance status for each CCP in respect of each obligation assessed;</li><li>• identify technical impediments or CMMs ambiguities and provide proposals to address them;</li><li>• identify other barriers to implementation or compliance, including capacity issues and how these may be addressed.</li></ul>

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## Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report (pSCR) for Assessment Period January 2022-December 2022

The 2022 *Provisional* SIOFA Compliance Report (pSCR) proposes a provisional assessment of the CCPs' compliance regarding the obligations set in the SIOFA Agreement and in the SIOFA Conservation and Management Measures, to be considered by the Meeting of the Parties and to subsequently adopt a *final* SIOFA Compliance Report.

The report presents the CCPs' obligations and measures where:

- Where compliance issues have been identified (Non-Compliant, Critically Non-Compliant);
- Where clarities were provided by the Compliance Committee regarding the interpretation and implementation of obligations

The obligations are presented in section 6 in a tabular format.

Rev1 of the pSCR updates paragraph 18 of table 3 to more accurately reflect discussion related to the applicability of the aforementioned obligation.

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## 1. Compliance Assessment Period

January 2022-December 2022

## 2. CMMs assessed in accordance with this CMM

All CMMs in force during the Compliance Assessment Period

## 3. Proposals to amend or improve existing CMMs

(Raised during the draft compliance report assessment)

CMM	Proposals
2019/10	Review of paragraphs 4 and 5 to be amended so that it is explicit that it applies to vessel on the SIOFA Record of Authorized Vessels (RAV)

## 4. Priority obligations to be monitored and reviewed

*None Identified*

## 5. Additional obligations to be included within the scope of the CMS (list if applicable):

*None Identified*

## 6. Compliance Committee Assessment

Table 1 Implementation of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Mauritius	11.3 (c) Each Contracting Party shall in conformity with the rules determined by the Meeting of the Parties, make available to each annual Meeting of the Parties a report on its fishing activities in the Area	Critically Non-Compliant	Compliant	Assessment for this requirements concerns submissions made in 2022, with respect to activities conducted in 2021. Submission was made on the 27th of May and not 30 days prior to 21st March 2022 i.e. 19 Feb 2022.	Mauritius was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank. However, this matter was resolved during May 2022 and no historical rights were further claimed by Mauritius. Subsequently, the report was prepared and submitted to the secretariat after the deadline.	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No responsive actions required, as Mauritius confirms all future documents will be submitted on time.

**Table 3 Implementation of CMM 2022/02 and CMM 2021/02 (Data Standards)**

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 Preliminary Assessment	CCP Self	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Australia	6. CCPs shall report to the Secretariat, by 31 May each year, the data collected under paragraphs 4 and 5 for the previous calendar year, in accordance with the format prescribed in the corresponding annexes.	Compliant	Non-Compliant		Data was submitted after the 31 May 2022	Australia has provided both logbook and observer data to the SIOFA Secretariat. However, the 2022 data submission (2021 data) was late due to database issues. Australia has now resolved the database issues and the 2023 data submission (2022 data) has been completed on time. We accept the assessment of non-compliant.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	No follow up or corrective action required as CCP confirms corrective action has already been taken.
Australia	7. CCPs shall provide to the Secretariat, by 31 May each year, annual catch summaries for all species/groups caught in the Agreement Area during the previous calendar year. The catch summaries shall include the following information: a. Calendar year (e.g. 2015), b. FAO statistical area (e.g. FAO87), c. Species/group name (common name and scientific name), d. Species/group code (FAO3-alpha code 19, EG ORY) (if available), e. Annual catch total - tonnes raised to 'live' weight	Compliant	Non-Compliant		Data was submitted after the 31 May 2022	Australia has provided both logbook and observer data to the SIOFA Secretariat. However, the 2022 data submission (2021 data) was late due to database issues. Australia has now resolved the database issues and the 2023 data submission (2022 data) has been completed on time. We accept the assessment of non-compliant.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	No follow up or corrective action required as CCP confirms corrective action has already been taken.

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 Preliminary Assessment	CCP Self	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Mauritius	9. Following the entry into force of this CMM, CCPs shall provide to the Scientific Committee, at least 30 days prior to the commencement of each ordinary meeting, an annual National Report of their fishing, research and management activities in accordance with the following: b. For all reports thereafter: the National Report shall include details of activities of the previous calendar year; and c. In either case, the National Report shall take into account the guidelines prepared by the Scientific Committee for the preparation of such reports	Critically Non-Compliant	Compliant		The National Report was submitted after the compliance committee	Mauritius was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank. However, this matter was resolved on May 2022 and no historical rights were further claimed by Mauritius. Subsequently, the CCR was prepared and submitted to the secretariat after the deadline.	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No responsive actions required, as Mauritius confirms all future documents will be submitted ontime.
Mauritius	12. All CCPs shall implement national scientific observer programs to collect from activities undertaken by vessels flying their flag:	Critically Non-Compliant			No preliminary compliant status provided. Statement implies technical impediment to implement CMM. Mauritius to Confirm and if so substantiate statement	No observer program is at present being implemented due to shortage of staff and existing observers being promoted or retired. However, a new observer program is being envisaged and the recruitment of a pool of observers is ongoing.	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No follow up action required as CCP confirms remedial actions are being implemented.
Mauritius	14. CCPs shall, through their National Report, provide to the Scientific Committee an annual observer programme implementation report which should include summary sections covering: observer training, program design and coverage, type of data collected, and any problems encountered during the previous calendar year.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable			No observer program is at present being implemented due to shortage of staff and existing observers being promoted or retired. However, a new observer program is being envisaged and the recruitment of a pool of observers is ongoing.	Critically Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	No follow up action required as CCP confirms remedial actions are being implemented.

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 Preliminary Assessment	CCP Self	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Australia	15. CCPs shall, for all observed trips, collect observer data in accordance with the relevant sections of Annex B. All observer data collected by CCPs shall be reported to the Secretariat by 31 May each year for the previous calendar year.	Compliant	Compliant		Data was submitted after the 31 May 2022	Australia has provided both logbook and observer data to the SIOFA Secretariat. However, the 2022 data submission (2021 data) was late due to database issues. Australia has now resolved the database issues and the 2023 data submission (2022 data) has been completed on time. We accept the assessment of non-compliant.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	No follow up or corrective action required as CCP confirms corrective action has already been taken.
Cook Islands	18. CCPs shall: a. ensure that fishery data are verified through an appropriate system of data verification mechanisms; b. develop, implement, and improve data verification mechanisms	Compliant	Compliant		2022 data submission for 2021 tow data had many consistency issues (colliding tows, tows over 100km long, etc.), the data verification mechanisms did not capture these issues.	The Cook Islands are currently working with industry to correct these inconsistencies and note the overlapping gaps.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	No follow up or corrective action required as CCP confirms corrective action in being taken.
Comoros		Not Applicable	Not Applicable		No Preliminary Self Assessment provided.	Comoros do not have a proper data verification system.	Non-Compliant	Not Applicable	CC agrees that provision 18b is only applicable to CCPs with vessel on the SIOFA RAV.
China	18. (c) CCPs shall provide to the Scientific Committee, through their National Report, an annual data verification report which should provide information regarding their development and implementation of data verification mechanisms.	Not Applicable	Compliant		Applicability of this provision extends to all CCPs, irrespective if flagged vessels are fishing in SIOFA area or not. As such, Annual Verification Report should be included in the Annual National Report (Ref: Para 1 of CMM 2022/02). China provided to the SC07, through their National Report, an annual data verification report which should provide information regarding their development and implementation of data verification mechanisms. CC to advise on Applicability	In "Application", Article 2, CMM 2022/02, it states that the CMM "prescribes the standards for the collection, reporting, verification, and exchange of data related to fishing activities by vessels fishing in the SIOFA Area of Application (the Agreement Area) that are flying the flag of a CCP". As such verification mechanism for data not collected in the Competence Area shall not be included.	Compliant	Not Applicable	CC agrees that this provision is only applicable to CCPs with vessel on the SIOFA RAV. CC requests that CCPs should submit the report if they have vessels on the SIOFA RAV, only if there were fishing during the assessment period.

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 Preliminary Assessment	CCP Self	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Korea (Republic of)			Not Applicable		Obligation does not limit reporting related to data verification report to CCPs that are actively fishing in the Agreement Area. As such, reporting of observer program, from the Secretariats view should be mandatory for all CCPs. <i>No Data Verification Report included in Annual report to SC07. CC to advise on Applicability</i>	<u>Korea is of the view that this paragraph is not applicable to CCPs with no fishing activities as they have no data collected previous year to verify. If the Secretariat's view is that all CCPs should provide the mechanism mentioned in this particular paragraph, Korea can provide its data verification mechanism as follows:</u> <sup>f</sup> The revision of the Act on Fisheries Information and Data Reporting was put into effect in December 2012. Such revision includes requirements for data collection and reporting which was recently adopted by the RFMOs regarding especially ecologically important species, discards/release and bycatch mitigation, etc. Since September 2014, the Act on Fisheries Information and Data Reporting has obliged fishers to report the catch statistics to NIFS every week, and again revised on 1st September 2015, that fishers make a daily reporting through an electronic reporting system (ERS) in order to manage and/or cross-check the data in real time. Catch statistics of Korean fishing vessels are obtained from two sources of data reporting. Korea Overseas Fisheries Association (KOSFA) collects monthly catch by species and vessels from fishery industries, and NIFS collects haul by haul data from vessels which are filled out by the captain onboard. Korea also established Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC) in March 2014 to monitor and/or manage the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data so that the data are cross-checked with fishing position from the logbook. Catch data are cross-checked between those of NIFS (which originate from the logbook) and those of National Fishery Products Quality Management Service (NFQS), prior to issuing Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) as well.	Non-Compliant	<i>Not Applicable</i>	CC agrees that this provision is only applicable to CCPs with vessel on the SIOFA RAV. CC requests that CCPs should submit the report if they have vessels on the SIOFA RAV, only if there were fishing during the assessment period.
Mauritius		Non-Compliant	Compliant		Assessment for this requirements concerns submissions made in 2022, with respect to	Mauritius was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank. However, this matter was resolved on May 2022 as no historical rights were further claimed by	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No further actions required.

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 Preliminary Assessment	CCP Self	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
					activities conducted in 2021. Secretariat could not confirm if submission was made 30 days prior to the commencement of SC07 (30 days prior to 21st March 2022 i.e. 19 Feb 2022).	Mauritius. Subsequently, the CCR was prepared and submitted to the secretariat after the deadline.			
Seychelles		Not Applicable	Not Applicable		Obligation does not limit reporting related to data verification to CCPs that are actively fishing in the Agreement Area. As such, reporting of observer program, from the Secretariats view should be mandatory for all CCPs.		Non-Compliant	<i>Not Applicable</i>	
Comoros		Not Applicable	Not Applicable		Obligation does not limit reporting of data verification to CCPs that are actively fishing in the Agreement Area. As such, reporting of data verification, from the Secretariats view should be mandatory for all CCPs. <b>CC to provide guidance on same.</b>	our observer program depends on the OCCUP program <i>Secretariat: Obligation relates to data verification mechanism, and observer program, contrary to provided feedback.</i>		<i>Not Applicable</i>	
India			Compliant		No Scientific report submitted to SC07		Non-Compliant	<i>Not Applicable</i>	

Table 5 Implementation of CMM 2016/05 (Pelagic Driftnets and Deepwater Gillnets)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
China	1. The use of all large-scale pelagic driftnets in the Agreement Area is prohibited for any vessel flying the flag of a Contracting Party, cooperating non-Contracting Party (CNCP) or participating fishing entity (PFE).	Compliant	Compliant	China answer to the assessment is stated as "No". However, the explanation provided explains that the use of large-scale driftnet is banned by "NO. (1990) NONG (YU ZHENG) 18", which would qualify as a measure in place. <b>CC to advise</b>	The kind comment and reminding from the Secretariat are appreciated. The large-scale pelagic driftnets have already been banned and no chinese-flagged are authorized to operate this kind of fishing. As such "yes" shall be the answer to the question.	<b>Compliant</b>	<b>Compliant</b>	CC agrees that applicability is for all CCPs.

Table 6 Implementation of CMM 2022/06 and 2018/06 (IUU Vessel List)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
European Union	3. Prior to, or at the same time as, transmitting the information referred to in paragraph 2 to the Secretariat, the notifying Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE shall provide, either directly or through the Executive Secretary, to the relevant flag State a copy of the pertinent suitably documented information and notification of its relevance to the Draft SIOFA IUU Vessel List. The notifying Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE shall request that the flag State promptly acknowledge receipt of this notification.	Not Applicable	Not Assessed	Provision overlaps with Para 8 of CMM 07, that places no obligation for the notifying party to notify the flag state when there are evidences of Non-Authorized Vessels fishing in the Agreement Area. Compliance Committee to provide guidance on implementation of this provision, noting these conflicting provisions. Secretariat is of the view that the notification to the flag state was done through the Secretariat, therefore satisfying obligation under this paragraph. <i>CC to provide necessary guidance on these overlapping provisions</i>	The EU agrees with the comments of the SIOFA Secretariat.	Compliant	Compliant	
India	31. Relevant agencies of Contracting Parties, CNCPs and PFEs shall designate a contact point through which information on reported activities described in sub-paragraphs 30 (a) and (b)			No Preliminary Self Assessment provided. No Contact designated pursuant to this obligation		Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	
Japan	32. To assist with the implementation of this CMM, Contracting Parties, CNCPs and PFEs shall include in their annual implementation reports of the actions and measures taken in accordance with this CMM.	Compliant		No Preliminary Self Assessment provided.				Not pertinent to be included in CCR Template and not to be assessed by CC
Comoros		Compliant		No Preliminary Self Assessment provided.				Not pertinent to be included in CCR Template and not to be assessed by CC
India				No Preliminary Self Assessment provided.				Not pertinent to be included in CCR Template and not to be assessed by CC

**Table 7 Implementation of CMM 2022/07 and 2019/07 (Vessel Authorisation)**

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Australia	4.(Para 3 of CMM 2019/07) CCPs shall inform the Executive Secretary of any modification regarding the vessel data, including authorisation status of current fishing vessels and any new vessels, within 15 days after such modification.	Not Applicable	Non-Compliant		One Australian fishing vessel, the <i>Atlas Cove</i> , was sold to a French company in December 2022, however, owing to an administrative oversight the SIOFA secretariat was notified in April, 2023.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	

**Table 8 Implementation of CMM 2020/08 (Port Inspection)**

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 Preliminary Assessment	CCP Self	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Seychelles	5. Each Contracting Party, CNCP and PFE shall, before granting entry to a foreign vessel to its port, as a minimum standard, require the information set out in Annex I to be provided at least 48 hours before the estimated time of arrival. A Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE may prescribe for another notification period, taking into account, inter alia, the distance between the fishing grounds and its ports. In such a case the Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE concerned shall without delay inform the Secretariat, who shall put this information on the SIOFA website. Any other subsequent changes to the requirements shall be notified to the Secretariat at least 30 days before the changes becomes effective.	Compliant	Non-Compliant		Current notification provided by Seychelles indicates that there are 2 applicable notification Periods, i.e. 24hrs and 48hrs for licensed and non licensed vessels respectively. <a href="https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-Designated-Ports-updated-2022-08-17.pdf">https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-Designated-Ports-updated-2022-08-17.pdf</a> . Seychelles to confirm if there has been any changes in those notification periods, as implied in CCR.		Non-Compliant	Compliant	Seychelles confirms there were no changes in the reporting requirement. Self-Assessment was an oversight.
European Union	25. The inspection report shall be forwarded to the competent authority of the inspected vessel and to the Secretariat within 30 days following the date of completion of the inspection or as soon as possible where potential compliance issues have arisen or if there are issues which warrant the attention of the competent authority of the inspected vessel. If the inspection report cannot be transmitted within that time period, the port State shall notify the Secretariat within that same time period of the reasons for the delay and when the report will be submitted.	Compliant	Non Compliant				Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	Inspection services identified solution how to resolve this issue. No follow up action required.
Mauritius		Compliant	Non-Compliant		Several fishing trips ended in Mauritius in 2022 (some with Dissostichus catch), but no PIRs were submitted to the SIOFA Secretariat as required by this obligation. All 2022 Inspection reports were submitted on the 26th May 2023.	All port inspection reports have already been submitted to the SIOFA Secretariat	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	
India	26. Each Contracting Party, CNCP and PFE shall require its vessels to cooperate with the port State in inspections carried out pursuant to this CMM.		Compliant		India has indicated that this obligation is not applicable to them, while providing a "Compliant" Self Assessment. However, the secretariat is of the view that this obligation is mandatory for all flag state CPP, for all vessels flying its flag.		Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Seychelles	27. When a Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE has clear grounds to believe that one of its vessels has engaged in IUU fishing and is seeking entry to or is in the port of another Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE, it shall, as appropriate, request that the Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE inspects the vessel or takes other adequate measures.	Compliant	Compliant	Seychelles repoded "No" to this obligation, while suggesting a "Compliance Status" as Preliminary Self Assessment. Suggest to review as failure to implement this obligation may indicate a Non-Compliance Assessment		Non-Compliant	Non Applicable	

Table 9 Implementation of CMM 2022/09 (Control)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
India	2. Contracting Parties, CNCPs and PFEs shall designate the competent authority or authorities which shall act as the Contact Point for the purposes of receiving reports and notifications and issuing authorisations in accordance with the relevant SIOFA CMMs. Each Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE shall send to the Secretariat the name, telephone number, e-mail address and fax number of at least two designated contact points before 30 days have passed following the adoption of this CMM. Any subsequent changes to the list shall be notified to the Secretariat without delay. The Secretariat shall put the details of the Contact Points and any changes thereto on the SIOFA website without delay.		Compliant	The Secretariat does not have any designated competent authority or authorities which shall act as the Contact Point for the purposes of receiving reports and notifications and issuing authorisations in accordance with the relevant SIOFA CMMs, as required by this obligation for India.		Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	
China	8. The discharge into the sea of all plastics , including but not limited to synthetic ropes, synthetic fishing nets, plastic garbage bags and incinerator ashes from plastic products by vessels flying the flag of Contracting Parties, CNCPs or PFEs shall be prohibited.	Not Applicable	Compliant	Secretariat is of the view that this obligation is applicable to all vessels flagged to CCPs. China answered "No" to assessment, while stating that <i>"There have been no authorized Chinese fishing vessels by Chinese fisheries authorities in SIOFA Area to harvest SIOFA species since China joined SIOFA in 2019. But China required the authorized vessels not to discard any garbage into the sea." CC to advise on applicability</i>	The kind comment and reminding from the Secretariat are appreciated. As there have been no authorized Chinese-flagged vessels to operate in the Competence Area, "Not Applicable" is more suitable to describe the status.	Compliant	Compliant	Applicable to all flagged state CCPs

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Mauritius	13. Each Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE shall submit this information to the Secretariat as soon as practical. The Secretariat shall forward this information to all Contracting Parties, CNCPs and PFEs for information and for consideration of further action as required by Article 17 of the Agreement at the next ordinary Meeting of the Parties.		No Compliance Status Assigned	<b>This compliance rating may be used for cases of emergency relating to the safety of a ship and those on board, or safety of life at sea, which resulted in the a compliance issue. As there were no such indication in the supporting statement for this obligation, Mauritius may wish to reconsider status for preliminary self assessment.</b>	It is to be noted that Mauritius is compliant under this CMM, as measures for inspection of vessels at sea are undertaken to combat illegal fishing <b>Secretariat: Obligation does not relate to inspections of vessels at sea.</b>		<b>Not Applicable</b>	

Table 10 Implementation of CMM 2019/10 (Monitoring)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 Preliminary CCP Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
China	4. & 5. Each CCP shall ensure that all fishing vessels flying its flag that are operating in the Agreement Area are fitted with an operational automatic location communicator (ALC) unit reporting back to its competent authority and that ALC units on vessels flying their flag remain operational at all times while in the Agreement Area.	Not Applicable	Compliant	<i>China has indicated that the obligation is not applicable to them. Secretariat is of view that this obligation applies to all vessels flying the flag of a CCP. Irrespective if they are authorized or not, as there are no such limitations in the scope of application for this obligation (applies to all vessels operating in the area). CC to Advise</i>	All the authorized Chinese-flagged overseas vessels are required to install MTUs or ALCs onboard when they operate on the high seas. Since there have been no authorized Chinese-flagged vessels to operate in the Competence Area, "Not Applicable" is more suitable to describe the status.	<b>Compliant</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	CC agrees that the obligation should apply to vessels on the SIOFA RAV only. Proposal to amend the CMM to provide this clarity.
Mauritius	14. CCPs shall require their vessels or relevant authorities to notify the Secretariat, by email or other means, within 24 hours, in the format provided in Annex I, of each entry to or exit from the Agreement Area of vessels authorised to fish for species managed by SIOFA flying its flag, in accordance with CMM 2022/07.	Critically Non-Compliant	Compliant	<i>Some reports were received much after the 24hrs prescribed by this obligation.</i>	Some outstanding reports were transmitted after the required time as Mauritius was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank. Subsequently, the entry/exits reports were prepared and submitted to the secretariat after the deadline.	<b>Critically Non-Compliant</b>	<b>Critically Non-Compliant</b>	No Follow action required.
Chinese Taipei	16. Each CCP shall ensure, for each vessel flying its flag undertaking an at sea transshipment operation in accordance to Para 16	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	<i>Competent Authority has failed to submit the observer data on the Transshipment Logsheets referred to in sub-paragraph f. to the Secretariat, no later than 15 days from debarkation of the observer.</i>		<b>Critically Non-Compliant</b>	<b>Critically Non-Compliant</b>	

**Table 11 Implementation of CMM 2020/11 (Compliance Monitoring Scheme)**

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Cook Islands	12. Each CCP shall prepare a CCP Compliance Report on the basis of the template referred to in paragraph 10 which shall include a preliminary self-assessment of its compliance status for each assessed obligation, using Annex I as a reference, and return it to the Secretariat no later than 60 days before the commencement of the next ordinary Meeting of the Parties. Each CCP shall ensure their CCR includes information relevant to the implementation of each obligation assessed for compliance.	Compliant		No preliminary self assessment provided. CCR was submitted after the deadline of the 5th May 2022, i.e. the 6th of May 2022. (Received by the Secretariat on the 7th May 2022)	Compliant. Initially CCR was submitted on the date of deadline (4th May) however, it was submitted on the wrong template. We re-submitted with the updated template on the 13th May noting changes could be made prior to 3rd June 2023.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	
Mauritius		Critically Non-Compliant	Compliant	CCR was submitted after deadline of the 5th May 2022, on the 16th of May 2022	Mauritius was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank. However, this matter was resolved during May 2022 and no historical rights were further claimed by Mauritius. Subsequently, the CCR was prepared and submitted to the secretariat after the deadline.	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No follow up action required
Seychelles		Compliant	Compliant	CCR was submitted after the deadline of the 5th May 2022, on the 6th May 2022		Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	

Table 14 Implementation of CMM 2021/14 (High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
European Union	8. Each CCP shall provide this measure or a translation of it to vessels flying its flag and ensure that vessels flying its flag accept boarding and inspection by Authorised Inspectors in accordance with these procedures.	Compliant	Compliant	Statement related to this obligation indicates that these measures are translated to all official EU languages, but does not clearly indicate if these measures are provided to vessels flying the flag of an EU member state. EU to provide further clarity on same.	The EU has reviewed its implementation of this obligation again following receipt of the dSCR. Although the fishing licence issued to the EU (Spain) vessel that operated in the SIOFA Area in 2022 requires it to comply by all SIOFA CMMs and all EU Member States are notified of all SIOFA CMMs after their adoption, the measure was not provided to the vessel by the competent authorities. Corrective action has been taken and the measure was provided to the EU vessel operating in the SIOFA Area in 2023. The EU accepts a status of 'not compliant' in relation to its implementation of this obligation in 2022.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	
India	10. Each CCP shall, by 1 September 2019 (or, for CCPs that acquire their status after that date, within 60 days of acquiring their status), notify the Executive Secretary of two contact points (including name, telephone, fax number and e-mail address) for the purposes of receiving and sending notifications and reports to and from its Authorities of the Fishing Vessel pursuant to this CMM. Each Contracting Party intending to carry out boarding and inspection pursuant to this measure shall provide the same information for the purposes of receiving and sending notifications and reports to its Authorities of the Inspection Vessel pursuant to this CMM.		Compliant	India has indicated that this obligation is not applicable to them. Obligation mandatory for all CCPs. Secretariat has not been notified of two contact points for the purposes of received and sending notifications and reports to and from its of the fishing vessel pursuant to this CMM.		Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	

## Annex E – SIOFA Provisional IUU vessel list

7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC7)  
Ravenala Attitude Hotel, Balaclava, Mauritius  
28-30 June 2023

# SIOFA Provisional IUU vessel list

SIOFA Secretariat

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<b>Abstract</b>	
<p>According to SIOFA CMM 2022/06, the draft IUU-Vessel list has been considered by the Compliance Committee and the Compliance agreed to place 2 vessels on the Provisional IUU-Vessel list for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties. The Compliance Committee do not propose any change about the 2 vessels that are already listed on the SIOFA IUU-vessel list.</p>	

<b>Recommendations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Meeting of the Parties to consider the provisional IUU-vessel list and adopt a Final IUU-vessel list.</li></ul> <p>1.</p>

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## SIOFA Provisional IUU vessel list

Vessels listed on the provisional IUU vessel list:

- **IMULA 1655 MTR**

- **IMULA 1783 MTR**

Exchanges and information pertaining to these vessels are available in document CC-07-04-rev2 (SIOFA Draft IUU vessel list) and in document MoP-10-INFO-09 (Exchange with Sri Lanka concerning IUU-Vessel List).

Table 1 below summarizes the information about these vessels.

For information, 2 vessels are currently maintained on the SIOFA IUU vessel list:

- **ABISHAK PUTHA 3**

- **EL SHADDAI**

Table 1: Summary information on the vessels proposed on the provisional IUU-vessel list

Name and previous names, if any	Flag and previous flags, if any	Owner and previous owners, including beneficial owners, if any	Operator and previous operators, if any	Call sign and previous call signs, if any	IMO number, if any	Summary of activities which justify inclusion of the vessel on the IUU Vessel List
IMULA 1655 MTR	SRI LANKA	D.H.J.P. Chaminda Thushara	Unknown	MMSI 417165541	Unknown	- Engaged in fishing for fishery resources in the Agreement Area and are not on the SIOFA Record of Authorized Vessels;  - engaged in fishing activities contrary to any other SIOFA CMMS
IMULA 1783 MTR	SRI LANKA	THARAKA PGD	Unknown	MMSI 417178341	Unknown	Engaged in fishing for fishery resources in the Agreement Area and are not on the SIOFA Record of Authorized Vessels;  engaged in fishing activities contrary to any other SIOFA CMMS

## Annex F – Amendments to CMM 2022/02

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# Amendments to CMM 2022/02

SIOFA Scientific Committee

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<b>Abstract</b>	
At its 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting, the Scientific Committee proposed several changes to CMM 2022/02 to improve VME bycatch information and recording by the crew in Annex A and by the observers in Annex B.	

<b>Recommendations (for proposals and working papers only)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The CC to consider the proposed amendments and advise the MoP.</li></ul> <p>2.</p>

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## Amendments to CMM 2022/02 (Data Standards)

The Scientific Committee proposed several changes to CMM 2022/02 in regard to VME bycatch and recording and at its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The changes that are proposed are in Annex A, vessels catch and efforts, bycatch section and in Annex B, observers' data, VME Taxa and Other benthos taxa section.

Only the sections relevant to these changes are displayed here, they are highlighted below in tracked changes:

### Annex A: Vessel Catch and Effort Data

#### **Incidental bycatch of marine mammals, seabirds, reptiles and 'other species of concern'**

Presence: Yes / No

For each species caught

- Taxa name
- Number alive
- Number dead or injured

#### **Incidental bycatch of VME indicator taxa**

Presence: Yes / No

For each species caught

- Taxa name

## Annex B: Observer Data

### **VME Taxa**

Presence: Yes/No

- a) Species (identified taxonomically as far as possible or accompanied by a photograph where identification is difficult).
- b) An estimate of the quantity (weight (kg) or volume (m<sup>3</sup>)) of each listed benthic species caught in the tow (and the unit of measurement).
- c) An overall estimate of the total quantity (weight (kg) or volume (m<sup>3</sup>)) of all invertebrate benthic species caught in the tow (and the unit of measurement).
- d) Where possible, provide the live or dead status for corals
- e) Where possible, and particularly for new or scarce benthic species which do not appear in ID guides, whole samples should be collected and suitably preserved for identification on shore.
- e) Collect representative biological samples from the entire VME catch. (Biological samples shall be collected and frozen when requested by the scientific authority in a Contracting Party). For some coral species that are under the CITES list photographs should be taken.

### **Other sessile benthos taxa**

Presence: Yes/No

For each catch of benthic organisms' species taxa

Scientific names (identified at the lowest to the finest taxon level possible)

FAO code (if available)

Estimation of the amount caught

# ANNEX G



**7<sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee Meeting (CC7)**

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CC-07-06

## Comoros Application to renew CNCP Status

Delegation of Comoros

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<b>Abstract</b>	
This document provides the request from Comoros for renewing its status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to SIOFA. The letter has been provided in French.	

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

CC-07-06

**Recommendations** (for proposals and working papers only)

- The CC to consider the application from Comoros to renew its CNCP status and advise the MoP.

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N°23/ 008/MAPETA / DGRH

Moroni, le 28 Avril 2023

A  
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**Objet : Demande de renouvellement du Statut.**

Monsieur Secrétaire Exécutif,

Conformément à la règle 17 du règlement intérieur, concernant la participation des parties non contractantes coopérantes au SIOFA, l'Union des Comores souhaite demander le renouvellement en 2023 de son statut de partie coopérante non contractante au SIOFA.

L'union des Comores s'engage à atteindre les objectifs de l'Accord, à se conformer aux mesures de conservation et de gestion et à toutes les autres décisions et résolutions adoptées en vertu de l'Accord, à prendre les mesures appropriées pour s'assurer que ses activités de pêche ne compromettent pas l'efficacité des mesures de conservation et de gestion et de toutes les autres décisions et résolutions adoptées en vertu de l'Accord, et à consulter la Réunion des Parties pour développer tout autre critère d'admission en tant que partie non contractante coopérante ou entité de pêche non participante coopérante spécifique à sa situation.

Cette déclaration est soumise au secrétaire exécutif du SIOFA pour être utilisée et appliquée de manière appropriée.

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# ANNEX H



**7<sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee Meeting (CC7)**

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*28-30 June 2023*

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# India Application to renew CNCP Status

Delegation of India

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<b>Abstract</b>	This document provides the application from India for renewing its status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to SIOFA.

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CC-07-12

**Recommendations** (for proposals and working papers only)

- The CC to consider the application from India to renew its CNCP status and advise the MoP.

**F.No.27035/8/2020-Fy(IC)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**  
**Department of Fisheries**

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
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**Subject: Application to Renew Status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) - regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Paragraph 5, Rule 17, of the SIOFA Rules of Procedure, and to state that India would like to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) in the capacity of a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party.

2. While submitting this application to the Meeting of the Parties of the SIOFA for renewal in the capacity of a cooperating non- Contracting Party, it is to state that India is committed to:

- a) carry out the objectives of the Agreement;
- b) abide by conservation and management measures and all other decisions and resolutions adopted in accordance with the Agreement;
- c) take appropriate action to ensure that its fishing activities do not diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures and all other decisions adopted in accordance with the Agreement; and
- d) consult with the Meeting of the Parties to develop any other criteria for its admission in the capacity of a cooperating non-Contracting Party or cooperating non-participating fishing entity specific to its situation.

3. I am hopeful that this application would be considered favourably and the Meeting of the Parties of the SIOFA would consider renewal of status of India as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to attend the forthcoming Meeting of the Parties of the SIOFA scheduled in July, 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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