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Abstract	<p>During PAEWG4, the SIOFA Secretariat presented a bottom fishing footprint, which was endorsed by both PAEWG4 and SC7. SC7 recommended that further checks be performed on the footprint, and that it be presented to MoP9. While performing these checks, discrepancies in the footprint have been highlighted but could not be resolved in time, which led MoP9 to adopt the footprint as an interim footprint and recommend that further work be done to resolve the discrepancies. This paper is meant to provide SC8 with a full account of the data analysis and revision that led to an updated bottom fishing footprint. This work included resolving the discrepancies with national data and the removal of fishing operations that utilised gears that MoP9 considered not to be bottom fishing gears. The updated footprint is also compared with the interim footprint, to present any relevant changes in area and position.</p>

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