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Abstract	<p>IOTC and SIOFA have a very large marine area in common with vessels susceptible of catching species of interest to each organization. IOTC provided the SIOFA Secretariat with complete catch figures reported to IOTC by its members, that included non-IOTC species. The Secretariat computed the catch of non-IOTC species that occurred in the SIOFA area in the recent period (since 2000). Several fishing vessels flagged to countries that are not SIOFA CCPs caught significant quantities of species that fall under the SIOFA management mandate. Fishing from vessels flagged to SIOFA CCPs had significant catches which have not been reported to the SIOFA Secretariat. For several species, it is still unclear if the catch (and effort) should be reported to SIOFA and be part of SIOFA management mandate.</p>

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