# The Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties 5-9 July 2021

## Status of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement

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#### **Abstract**

This paper provides a statement from FAO, the Depository for this Agreement, on the current status of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement.

The full list of Parties and signatories provided in this paper can be downloaded from the following FAO website link <a href="http://www.fao.org/treaties/results/details/en/c/TRE-000038/">http://www.fao.org/treaties/results/details/en/c/TRE-000038/</a>

## STATUS OF THE SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT

On 13 April 2021, the Executive Secretary of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement sent a letter to the office of the Legal Counsel of the FAO seek advice on the Status of the agreement to inform the Meeting of the Parties. He received an answer by way of e-mail on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

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#### **13 April 2021**



Ms. Donata Rugarabamu

Reunion, 13thApril 2021

Legal Counsel FAO Legal Office Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Dear Ms. Rugarabamu,

The next Meeting of the Parties of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (MoP8) will take place between 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021. As the FAO is the depositary of the Agreement, I am writing to seek advice on the Status of the Agreement to inform the Meeting of the Parties. I would be grateful if the FAO could provide a written confirmation of the Status of the Agreement by 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Yours sincerely,

Thierry Clot,

**Executive Secretary** 

## 27 April 2021:

Dear Mr Clot,

thank you for your message. While FAO is ready to continue to provide this information by letter on an annual basis, we note that the correct information can always be obtained from the official Depositary <u>website</u>.

We remain available should you need further assistance.

Best regards,

Office of the Legal Counsel

Participants	Signature	Ratification: RAT, Acceptance: ACP, Approval: APP, Accession: ACS, Other means: OM	Mode of consent when by "Other Means"
<u>Australia</u>	2006-12-29	2012-03-23 RAT	
China <sup>1</sup>		2019-10-23 ACS	
Comoros	2006-07-07		
Cook Islands		2008-06-05 ACS	
European Union	2006-07-07	2008-10-15 APP	
<u>France</u>	2006-07-07	2013-01-25 RAT	
<u>Japan</u>		2014-06-17 ACS	
Kenya	2006-07-07		
Madagascar	2006-10-04		
<u>Mauritius</u>	2007-07-05	2010-12-10 RAT	
Mozambique	2006-07-07		
New Zealand	2006-07-07		
Republic of Korea		2014-10-29 ACS	
Seychelles	2006-07-07	2007-11-05 RAT	
<u>Thailand</u>		2017-04-21 ACS	