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Draft Arrangement between SIOFA and CCAMLR to enhance the  
conservation and rational use of stocks and species of interest to both  
parties

*Relates to agenda item: 7*

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## SIOFA Secretariat

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### Abstract

The objective of this Arrangement is to facilitate, where appropriate, cooperation between SIOFA and CCAMLR 'the Organisations' with a view to enhancing the conservation and rational use of stocks and species which are of interest to both Organisations.

This paper was introduced at 2nd Meeting of the Scientific Committee. The SC noted the value of the arrangement in facilitating the SC work on stocks that are shared between SIOFA and CCAMLR regions

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### Recommendations

That the Meeting of the Parties consider this draft Arrangement for adoption

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**Draft Arrangement between  
The Meeting of the Parties of the Southern  
Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement and  
The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living  
Resources**

The Meeting of the Parties to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (~~hereafter SIOFA~~) and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (hereafter CCAMLR);

**NOTE** that the objectives of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (hereafter the Agreement) are to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Area of competence through cooperation among the Contracting Parties, and to promote the sustainable development of fisheries in the Area, taking into account the needs of developing States bordering the competence area that are Contracting Parties to this Agreement, and in particular, the least-developed among them and small island developing States;

**NOTE FURTHER** that the objective of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (hereafter CAMLR Convention) is the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources;

**RECOGNISE** that Article 16 of the Agreement requires SIOFA Contracting Parties acting jointly under the Agreement to cooperate closely, as appropriate, with other relevant international fisheries and organizations ~~on matters of mutual interest and shall seek to make suitable arrangements for consultation, cooperation and collaboration with such other organisations;~~

**NOTE** that Article XXIII of the CAMLR Convention provides for cooperation with other relevant bodies.

**RECOGNISE** that the Preamble to the CAMLR Convention considers it is desirable for CCAMLR to establish suitable machinery for recommending, promoting, deciding upon and co-ordinating the measures and scientific studies needed to ensure the conservation of Antarctic marine living organisms;

**NOTE** that provisions of the CAMLR Convention address the conservation of non-target, associated or dependent species that occur in the same ecosystem as target species;

**DESIRE** to put in place, ~~arrangements and procedures to promote cooperation~~ between the SIOFA Secretariat and the Meeting of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies, including the Scientific Committee (hereafter SIOFA) and CCAMLR ~~in order to enhance the conservation and rational use of stocks and species which are within the competence and/or mutual interest of both Organisations so as to avoid duplication or conflict between the activities of the two Organisations;~~

**THEREFORE** the chairperson of the SIOFA Meeting of the Parties and CCAMLR record the following arrangements;

**1. OBJECTIVE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT**

The objective of this Arrangement is to facilitate, where appropriate, cooperation between SIOFA and CCAMLR—~~(‘the Organisations’)~~ Participants with a view to advancing their respective objectives, particularly with respect to enhancing the

~~conservation and rational use~~ of stocks and species which are within the competence and/or mutual of interest to both ~~Organisations~~Participants.

## 2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The ~~Organisations-Participants~~ will establish and maintain consultation and cooperation in respect of matters of common interest. ~~In~~ particular the ~~Organisations-Participants~~ will:

- (i) exchange meeting reports, information, documents and publications regarding matters of mutual interest, consistent with the information sharing policies of each ~~Organisation~~Participant;
- (ii) exchange data and scientific information in support of the work and objectives of both ~~Organisations~~Participants, consistent with the information sharing policies of each ~~Organisation-Participant~~ including, but not limited to information on:
  - ~~(a)~~ vessels authorised to fish in accordance with conservation and management measures adopted under the Agreement and the conservation measures adopted under the CAMLR Convention~~the Organisation's conservation~~
  - ~~(b)~~(a) measures;
  - ~~(c)~~(b) vessels suspected or / presumed to be engaging in illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing activity~~vessels~~ and IUU Vessel Lists established by each Participant;
  - ~~(d)~~(c) catch, bycatch and vessel information and/or data consistent with data use, access and confidentiality rules of each Participant;
- (iii) cooperate to harmonise approaches in areas of mutual interest and concern, [including but not limited to / in particular most notably on] target species and bycatch of non-target, associated and dependent species (ecologically related species), monitoring, control and surveillance policies and systems, including with respect to vessel monitoring systems and compliance monitoring and evaluation schemes;
- (iv) where appropriate, collaborate on analyses and research efforts relating to species of mutual interest;
  - ~~(v)~~ consider methods of recognising and supporting cooperating with conservation and management measures adopted under the Agreement and the conservation measures adopted under the CAMLR Convention~~each other's conservation and~~
  - ~~(vi)~~(v) management measures; and
  - ~~(vii)~~(vi) consistent with each OrganisationParticipant's rules of procedure, grant permanent reciprocal observer status to representatives of the respective Organisations-Participants in relevant meetings of each OrganisationsParticipant.

## 3. CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

To facilitate effective development, implementation and enhancement of cooperation, the ~~Organisations-Participants~~ may establish a consultative process between the two respective Secretariats that includes, telephone, email and similar means of communications. The consultative process may also proceed in the margins of meetings at which both ~~Organisations'-Participants'~~ Secretariats are represented by appropriate staff.

## 4. MODIFICATION

This Arrangement may be modified at any time by the mutual written consent of both ~~Organisations~~Participants.

## 5. LEGAL STATUS

This Arrangement does not create legally binding rights or obligations.

This Arrangement does not alter the obligations of the Members of the CAMLR Commission or the Contracting Parties to the Agreement~~members of either Organisation~~ to comply with the conservation and management measures adopted under the Agreement and the conservation measures adopted under the CAMLR Convention~~of those bodies~~.

## 6. OTHERS

This Arrangement will commence on the date of the second signature.

Either Organisation-Participant may terminate this Arrangement by giving six months<sup>2</sup> prior written notice to the other Participant-Organisation.

This Arrangement ~~will continue~~shall to will operate until terminated by either Organisation.

## 7. SIGNATURE

Signed at ..... this .....day of .....2016

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**Kristopher Du Rietz (EU)**  
**Chair**person SIOFA

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**Mondi Mayekiso (South Africa)**  
**Chairman** CCAMLR