

# Provisional Agenda rev.7

## Second Meeting of the Protected Areas and Ecosystems Working Group (PAEWG2)

Chair: Dr Patrice Pruvost

*Items which will not be addressed this year due to the reduced format and postponed to 2021 are in grey/italic*

### 1. Opening

*1.2 Opening statement from the Chair*

*1.2 Introduction of participants*

### 2. Administrative arrangements

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda

2.2 Confirmation of meeting documents

2.3 Appointment of rapporteurs

2.4 Review of functions and terms of reference

### 3. Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME)

*3.1. VME taxa list and pictorial identification card*

*Update on the adoption of CCAMLR taxa list and preparation of the SIOFA VME taxa ID card*

**3.2. VME thresholds for trawl gears**

*PAEWG to discuss on appropriate and common threshold levels and definition for VME characterization for trawl gears*

*In accordance with CMM 2019/01, para 6, the SC 2020 shall develop and provide advice and recommendations to the MoP on criteria for what constitutes evidence of an encounter with a VME, in particular threshold levels and indicator species. MoP6, para 42, requests the SC progress the work to identify a suitable threshold for trawl gear (SC4, para 111). This should include a review of the methods used by CCPs to establish their existing thresholds, as well as development of a consistent threshold based on consolidated records of benthic bycatch data for trawl gears.*

*Process: remote discussion to progress the technical work*

*3.3. VME mapping*

*Update on the consultant work to undertake the SIOFA VME mapping, EU co-funded project*

### 4. Cumulative SIOFA BFIA

*Impact of cumulative bottom fishing activities for CCPs*

*In accordance with CMM 2019/01, para 23, the SC by the end its ordinary meeting in 2018, shall provide advice on the likely cumulative impacts of bottom fishing activity from CCP vessels. SC4, para 128 and Annex T requests the PAEWG work plan to progress the cumulative BFIA.*

*Process: remote discussion to progress the technical work*

5. *Protocols for interim Protected Areas and review the protected areas proposal in SIOFA.*
6. *Advice on management and/or research plans in the proposed and/or validated protected zones*
7. **SIOFA Fishing footprint**  
*SIOFA Secretariat to present draft approaches to compiling the fishing footprint, PAEWG to discuss best approaches/method to establish the SIOFA final fishing footprint*

*In accordance with CMM 2019/01 para 7, the SC 2020 shall develop and provide advice on an appropriate SIOFA bottom fishing footprint based on the data provide by CCPs to the Secretariat under para 20. SC4 agreed steps for the work to be undertaken by the Secretariat under the PAEWG prior to SC5 (SC4, para. 59 – 64).*

*Process: remote discussion to progress the technical work*

8. **Consideration of PAEWG work plan and resource requirements**

*Process: advice to SC finalised in face-to-face*

9. **Advice to the Scientific Committee**

*Process: advice to SC finalised in face-to-face based on the technical work under the preceding agenda items.*

10. **Future meeting arrangements**

11. **PAEWG Chair and co-chair**

12. *Other business*

13. **Adoption of the meeting report**

14. *Close of meeting*