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Development of a long term research plan

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Abstract

The Agreement calls for cooperation in a range of areas, including scientific research. Furthermore, according to the Agreement, cooperation on scientific research is a core function of the SIOFA Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee may wish to develop a long term research plan to facilitate collaboration and coordination between Contracting Parties and other organisations. The research program could prioritise research in line with clearly defined objectives; ideally setting out short, medium and long term scope. The research program could incorporate, to the extent possible, the different components of the exploited resources and their associated ecosystems; and encompass both the Precautionary Approach and the Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management. It is common practice in many RFMOs to develop a research program in support of a Scientific Committee's work.

Recommendations *(working papers only)*

1. That the Scientific Committee consider developing a longer term research program.
 2. That the Scientific Committee consider whether it is necessary to establish working parties to facilitate the Scientific Committee's work.
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