

The 8th Meeting of the Parties of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
5th -9th July 2021

Chair: Mr Chumnarn Pongsri

Provisional Agenda

(for amendments by CCPs, ref. SIOFA Circular 2021/12)

1. **Opening of the meeting** (by correspondence)
 - 1.1. Opening statements
 - 1.2. Admission of observers
 - 1.3. Participation in decision-making
2. **Administrative arrangements** [(by correspondence and videoconference (VC))]
 - 2.1. Adoption of the agenda
 - 2.2. Confirmation of meeting documents
 - 2.3. Appointment of rapporteurs
3. **Intersessional Decision-Making** [(by correspondence and videoconference (VC))]
 - 3.1. Review of all intersessional decisions (meeting modalities, IUU vessels cross listing, etc.)
4. **Report of the Compliance Committee meeting** [(by correspondence and videoconference (VC))]
The CC make several recommendations to the MoP
5. **SIOFA Compliance Report** [(by correspondence and videoconference (VC))]
The Meeting of the Parties shall consider the pSCR prepared by the CC and any comments from CCPs on their respective sections of the pSCR. The Meeting of the Parties shall adopt by consensus a Final Compliance Report (fSCR) at its ordinary meeting in accordance with Article 8 of the Agreement and Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure (ref. CMM 2020/11 para 22)
6. **Listing of IUU fishing vessels** [(by correspondence and videoconference (VC))]
The Meeting of the Parties shall review the Provisional IUU Vessel List, taking into account any new suitably documented information [...] and adopt a new IUU Vessel List (ref CMM 2018/06 para 16)
7. **Report of the Scientific Committee meeting** [(by correspondence and videoconference (VC))]
The SC made several recommendations to the MoP.

7.1. SIOFA bottom fishing footprint

The SC requested that the MoP discuss the assumptions (i) that the footprints purpose are to constraint the spatial distribution of each CCP separately, (ii) the footprint are intended for management purpose and should therefore represent the best available spatial resolution and be fixed to an historical period (ref SC6 report para 97).

7.2. Interactions and monitoring of Marine Mammals (by correspondence)

The SC requested the MoP to adopt a protocol for documenting all interactions with marine mammals operating in the SIOFA Area (ref SC5 report para 134) and a protocol for collecting photo identification for all vessels (ref SC6 report para 112).

7.3. EU Grant workplan (by correspondence and videoconference)

The SC to develop a plan to be discussed intersessionnaly or at the next ordinary meeting (ref MoP7 report para 131)

8. Review and amendment of CMMs currently in force (by correspondence and videoconference)

8.1. Amendment of CMM 2017/02 on data standards

The Scientific Committee revised the CMM on data standard at its meeting in March 2021 and recommends the MoP to endorse these amendments (SC7 report, para 68).

8.2. Notes on CMM 2018/06 on the listing of IUU vessels

The Secretariat prepared a note on the procedure of crosslisting of IUU vessels from other organizations

8.3. Review of CMM 2020-11 Compliance Monitoring Scheme

The review of this CMM and its effectiveness is planned (para 26) at latest at its ordinary meeting in 2021

8.4. Review of CMM 2018/12 Sharks

The SC requested the MoP to consider additional precautionary measures to mitigate the bycatch of deepwater chondrichthyans (ref SC5 report para 155)

8.5. Review of CMM 2019/14 on high sea boarding and inspections annexes

Result of the intersessional work on HSBI annexes questionnaire led by France Territories (ref MoP7 report, para 43-44) and updates on inspector card.

8.6. Review of CMM 2019/15 on demersal stocks

CMM 2019/15 to be reviewed following SC recommendations and the report on Patagonian toothfish fishery management.

9. New CMMs (by correspondence and videoconference)

9.1. Framework for scientific research

Update on this subject. This item was initiated in 2018, the MoP agreed that CCP would continue deliberations intersessionally (ref MoP6 para 114). MoP7 consider it via para 52 requesting some clarification intersessionally .

9.2. New and exploratory Fisheries

Update on this subject. This item was initiated at MoP6 who agreed that CCP would continue deliberations intersessionally (ref MoP6 report para 116).

9.3. New CMM for SIOFA Vessel Monitoring System

Results on the intersessional work on this CMM proposal, led by European Union and assisted by the Secretariat (MoP7 report para 123)

10. Secretariat administration (by correspondence and videoconference)

- 10.1. Report on Staff Resources and Secretariat activities (by correspondence)
 - 10.1.1. Update on the 2020 fraud (by correspondence)
- 10.2. Report on Financial Resources (by correspondence)
- 10.3. SIOFA Budget (by correspondence and videoconference)
 - 10.3.1. 2022 provisional budget, Secretariat staffing needs and SC activities
 - 10.3.2. 2023 forecast budget
 - 10.3.3. Adoption of the budget

11. Cooperation with other RFMOs, international bodies and other relevant matters

- 11.1. Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC) (by correspondence)
- 11.2. CCAMLR (by correspondence)
 - Workshop with CCP and CCAMLR on data exchange protocol (SC6 report, para 155-159)*
- 11.3. IOTC (by correspondence and videoconference)
 - Update on the bilateral cooperative arrangement between SIOFA and IOTC (ref. MoP7 report, para 165)*
- 11.4. FAO ABNJ Deepseas Project (by correspondence and videoconference)
 - The SC recommended that SIOFA joins as a partner to the project (ref SC6 report, para 151)*
- 11.5. FAO Fisheries Resource Monitoring System (FIRMS) (by correspondence)
- 11.6. FAO Regional Fishery Body Secretariats' Network (RSN) (by correspondence)
- 11.7. Other matters of interest.

12. Status of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (by correspondence)

13. Future Chairing arrangements (by correspondence and videoconference)

14. 2022 meetings arrangements (by correspondence and videoconference)

15. Report adoption (by correspondence and videoconference)

16. Meeting close