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COUNCIL**

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Application of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)**

ANNEX 1
SIOFA's Subareas

Subarea 1

Coordinates are given clockwise from the northwest (upper left) corner:

- 20° South, 30° East
- 20° South, 40° East
- 36° South, 40° East
- 36° South, 30° East

With the exclusion of the landmass, territorial waters and EEZs of South Africa and Mozambique.

Or alternatively: Area bound north of 36 degrees South, between 30 and 40 degrees East, and the EEZs of South Africa and Mozambique on the north-west side.

Subarea 2

- 20 degrees South, 40 degrees East
- 20 degrees South, 49 degrees East
- 36 degrees South, 49 degrees East
- 36 degrees South, 40 degrees East

With the exclusion of the landmass, territorial waters and EEZs of Madagascar

Or alternatively: Area bound north of 36 degrees South, between 40 and 49 degrees East, and the Madagascar EEZ on the north side

Subarea 3a

- 20 degrees South, 49 degrees East
- 20 degrees South, 65 degrees East
- 36 degrees South, 65 degrees East
- 36 degrees South, 49 degrees East

With the exclusion of the landmass, territorial waters and EEZs of Madagascar, Reunion and Mauritius

Or alternatively: Area bound north of 36 degrees South, between 49 and 65 degrees East, and the Madagascar, Reunion and Mauritius EEZs on the north side

Subarea 3b

- 36 degrees South, 30 degrees East
- 36 degrees South, 65 degrees East
- 45 degrees South, 65 degrees East
- 45 degrees South, 30 degrees East

With the exclusion of the landmass, territorial waters and EEZs of the Kerguelen and Crozet islands (French Overseas Territories)

Subarea 4

- South border is 36° South and EEZ,
- East border is 90° East,
- West border is 80° East and EEZ,
- North border is 20° South.

The southwest corner is cut at the edge by the Martin-de-Vivières/Saint-Paul EEZ.

Or alternatively:

20 degrees South, 80 degrees East

20 degrees South, 90 degrees East

36 degrees South, 90 degrees East

36 degrees South, 80 degrees East

With the exclusion of the landmass, territorial waters and EEZs of the Amsterdam islands (French Overseas Territories)

Subarea 5

- South border is 36° South,
- East border is 105° East,
- West border is 90° East,
- North border is 25° South.

Or alternatively:

25 degrees South, 90 degrees East

25 degrees South, 105 degrees East

36 degrees South, 105 degrees East

36 degrees South, 90 degrees East

Subarea 6

20 degrees South, 65 degrees East

20 degrees South, 80 degrees East

45 degrees South, 80 degrees East

45 degrees South, 65 degrees East

With the exclusion of the landmass, territorial waters and EEZs of the Amsterdam islands (French Overseas Territories)

Subarea 7

20 degrees South, 80 degrees East

20 degrees South, 120 degrees East

55 degrees South, 120 degrees East

55 degrees South, 80 degrees East

With the exclusion of Subareas 4 and 5, and the landmass, territorial waters and EEZs of the Amsterdam islands (French Overseas Territories) and Australia

Subarea 8

10 degrees North, 40 degrees East

10 degrees North, 65 degrees East

0 degrees South, 65 degrees East

0 degrees South, 80 degrees East

20 degrees South, 80 degrees East

20 degrees South, 40 degrees East

With the exclusion of the landmass, territorial waters and EEZs of British IOT, Maldives, Seychelles, Mauritius, Madagascar, Reunion, Comoros, Tanzania Kenya, Somalia

Subarea Del Cano Rise

- North of 45° South, and

- South of 44° South when West of 44°09', and

- South of 43°30' South when East of 44°09', and

- Between the adjacent EEZs to the East and West.

Subarea Williams Ridge

This subarea is defined as within the box bounded by the following points:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	-52.5	80.0
2	-55	80.0
3	-55	85.0
4	-52.5	85.0

Subarea South Indian Ridge

This subarea is defined as within the box bounded by the following points:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	40°00' S	43°30' E
2	44°00' S	43°30' E
3	44°00' S	40°55' E
4	43°47.2' S	40°30' E
5	40°00' S	40°30' E

ANNEX 2

Fishery Closures

Table 1: SIOFA Benthic Fishery Closures, closed to all bottom fishing with the coordinates and closure type

Area Name	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3		Position 4	Closure type
<i>Gulden Draak</i>	28° 00' S 98° 00' E	29° 00' S 98°00 E	28° 00' S 99° 00' E		29° 00' S 99° 00' E	Closed to all bottom fishing activities
<i>Rusky</i>	31° 20' S 94° 40' E	31° 30' S 94° 55' E	31° 20' S 95° 00' E		31° 30' S 95° 00' E	
<i>Fools-Flat</i>	31° 30' S 94° 40' E	31° 40' S 94° 40' E	31° 30' S 95° 00' E		31° 40' S 95° 00' E	
<i>East Broken Ridge</i>	32° 50' S 100° 50' E	33° 25' S 100° 50' E	32° 50' S 101° 40' E		33° 25' S 101° 40' E	
<i>Mid-Indian Ridge</i> ¹	13° 00' S 64° 00' E	15° 50' S 64° 00' E	3a	3b	15° 50' S 68° 00' E	
			15° 50' S 66° 48' E	15° 02' S 68° 00' E		
<i>Atlantis Bank</i>	32° 00' S 57° 00' E	32° 50' S 57° 00' E	32° 00' S 58° 00' E		32° 50' S 58° 00' E	
<i>Bridle</i>	38° 03' S 49° 00' E	38° 45' S 49° 00' E	38° 03' S 50° 00' E		38° 45' S 50° 00' E	
<i>Banana</i>	30° 20' S 45° 40' E	30° 30' S 45° 40' E	30° 20' S 46° 00' E		30° 30' S 46° 00' E	
<i>Middle of What</i>	37° 54' S 50° 23' E	37° 56.5' S 50° 23' E	37° 54' S 50° 27' E		37° 56.5' S 50° 27' E	

Table 2: SIOFA Benthic Fishery Closures, closed to all bottom fishing, but where bottom longlining is permitted, with the coordinates and closure type.

¹ This fishery closure shall not prejudice any rights of coastal States in respect of extended continental shelf claims submitted in accordance with international law.

Area Name	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Closure type
<i>Walters Shoal</i>	33° 00' S 43° 10' E	33° 20' S 43° 10' E	33° 00' S 44° 10' E	33° 20' S 44° 10' E	Closed to bottom fishing, with bottom longlining permitted
<i>Coral</i>	41° 00' S 42° 00' E	41° 40' S 42° 00' E	41° 00' S 44° 00' E	41° 40' S 44° 00' E	
<i>Magneto (formally South Indian Ridge)</i>	44° 00' S 40° 52' 40.8" E	45° 00' S 42° 07' 26.4" E	44° 00' S 46° 32' 38.4" E	45° 00' S 45° 42' 39.6" E	

ANNEX 3**VME-indicator units of species**

Domain	Bacteria	
	Chemosyntheticorganisms	CXV
Phylum	Bryozoa	BZN
Phylum	Xenophyophorea	XEY
Phylum	Brachiopoda	BRQ
Phylum	Porifera	PFR
Class	Hexactinellida	HXY
Class	Demospongiae	DMO
Phylum	Cnidaria	CNI
Order	Actiniaria	ATX
Order	Alcyonacea	AJZ
Order	Anthoathecata	AZN
Order	Antipatharia	AQZ
Order	Gorgonacea	GGW
Order	Scleractinia	CSS
Order	Pennatulacea	NTW
Order	Zoantharia	ZOT
Family	Stylasteridae	AXT
Phylum	Echinodermata	
Class	Crinoidea	CWD
Order	Euryalida	OEQ
Order	Cidaroida	CVD
Phylum	Anellida	
Family	Serpulidae	SZS

Phylum	Arthropoda	
Family	Bathylasmatidae	BWY
Phylum	Tunicata	
Class	Ascidiacea	SSX
Phylum	Hemichordata	
Class	Pterobranchia	HET

ANNEX 4

Template to use for daily longline reporting when fishing in the Del Cano Rise, Williams Ridge and South Indian Ridge areas

Member States shall ensure that their fishing vessels inform the Secretariat (mcs@siofa.org) daily on start and end point of set longlines, and shall use the following template:

Vessel name:		Vessel flag:	
Set Start Date:		Set Start Time:	
Set Start Longitude:		Set Start Latitude:	
Set Start Depth:			
Set End Date:		Set End Time:	
Set End Longitude:		Set End Latitude:	
Set End Depth:			