



SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES COMMISSION (SWIOFC)

Tenth Session

Maldives, 1-3 October 2019

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE COMMISSION

A tentative and preliminary Programme of work for the Commission for 2020 is shown below. Outcomes of the Session (e.g. implementation of the option adopted by Members Countries for the financing mechanism) will be added during discussion of this document, as well as Members Countries are invited to put forward proposals and ideas for new activities of the Commission.

- To hold the second session of the Working Group on Demersal Fisheries in the second half of April 2020 (venue to be identified);
- To hold the Training course on R techniques in the second half of April 2020, back-to-back to the WG on Demersal Fisheries (venue to be identified);
- To hold the tenth session of the Scientific Committee in June 2020 in Madagascar;
- To hold the eleventh session of the Commission in October 2020 (venue to be confirmed, possibly in Tanzania);
- To hold the tenth session of the WPCCTF in October 2020 back-to-back to the Commission session, provided that the WP will decide to continue its activities (venue to be confirmed, possibly in Tanzania);
- To assist SWIOFish1 in the organization of its annual Regional Steering Committee back-to-back with the eleventh session of the Commission;
- Organize Inception Workshop, Steering Committee and implement activities of the project “GCP/SFS/005/SWE - A partnership for Marine and Coastal Governance and Fisheries Management for Sustainable Growth” in collaboration with the UNEP-Nairobi Convention partner;
- To follow up the implementation of the “Guidelines for Minimum Terms and Conditions (MTC) for Foreign Fisheries Access in the Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC) Region” in Member Countries;
- To collaborate with FAO on activities related to the PSMA, including follow up with the three SWIOFC Members that have not yet ratified the Agreement;
- To continue collaboration with partners like SADC, SIOFA, SWIOFish1, WWF, etc., in particular to facilitate the establishment of the SADC Regional Fisheries Monitoring Control and Surveillance Coordination Centre in Maputo, Mozambique;
- To continue efforts to establish a SWIOFC website that it was not possible to establish due to difficulties in getting operational, either at FAO-SFS office or at FAO Headquarters, the website template that had been prepared by the Secretariat.