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Proposed Amendments to CMM 03 (2016) (Data Confidentiality)

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Abstract	
<p>Paragraph 32 of the Conservation and Management Measure for the establishment of a SIOFA Vessel Monitoring System (Vessel Monitoring System) (CMM 16 (2023)) provides that:</p> <p><i>32. The Meeting of the Parties shall...review the applicability and appropriateness of CMM 03(2016) (Data Confidentiality) to VMS position report security, confidentiality, management and use.</i></p> <p>Recalling the same, this paper provides an overview of the relevant provisions of CMM 03 (2016) (Data Confidentiality) that may need to be updated to align better and include VMS data, including ALC details in the provision of Conservation and Management Measure for Data Confidentiality and Procedures for access and use of data (Data Confidentiality) (CMM 03 (2016)).</p>	
Recommendations (for proposals and working papers only)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the VMS WG02 reviews and makes the relevant recommendations for the amendment of CMM 03. 	

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Alignment of CMM 03 with VMS CMM

Paragraph	Proposed Amendments	Rationale
2.	The policy for releasing catch-and-effort, <u>Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Data</u> , length-frequency and observer data will be as follows	Expanding the scope of applicability of the CMM to include VMS data.
2 e)	Finer-scale data including catch and effort, <u>VMS Data</u> , length-frequency and observer data will be made available to the Scientific Committee and any of its working groups, on a confidential basis, to undertake its work.	Expanding the scope of applicability of the CMM to include VMS data.
2 f)	Catch and effort, <u>VMS Data</u> and length-frequency data grouped at a finer level of time-area stratification will only be released with written authorisation from the flag State that submitted the data. <u>Except for VMS Data</u> , E each such data release will also require the specific permission of the Secretariat.	Expanding the scope of applicability of the CMM to include VMS data.
3 b)	Logbook and observer records will be kept locked, under the specific responsibility of the Data Manager <u>staff in charge of data</u> ...	MoP08 replaced the role of Data Manager with Data Officer. Propose to be less specific
3 c)	Databases will be encrypted to preclude access by unauthorised persons. Full access to the database will be restricted to the <u>staff in charge of data</u> Data Manager and to senior SIOFA staff...	MoP08 replaced the role of Data Manager with Data Officer. Propose to be less specific
3 a)	a) Access to logbook-level information, <u>VMS Data</u> , or detailed observer data will be restricted to SIOFA staff members who require these records for their official duties. Each staff member having access to these records will be required to sign an attestation recognising the restrictions on the use and disclosure of the information.	Expanding the scope of applicability of the CMM to include VMS data.

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