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Revised Proposed Working Arrangements for the SIOFA VMS Working Group (VMSWG)

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Abstract	
<p>To facilitate the work of the SIOFA VMS WG, the secretariat is proposing working arrangements for the WG. These arrangements also propose a work plan for the VMSWG based on the agreed mandate of the WG by the MoP and the expected timelines for the setting up and entry into operation of the SIOFA VMS.</p> <p>Following comments from the VMSWG01, this paper presents a revised version of the proposed Working Arrangements for the VMSWG.</p>	

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Recommendations (for proposals and working papers only)

- That the SIOFA VMS WG notes and considers these working arrangements
- That the SIOFA VMS WG proposes the adoption of these arrangements by the MoP through the Compliance Committee.

Proposed Working Arrangements for the SIOFA VMS Working Group

1. Introduction

At the 10th Meeting of the Parties (MoP10), following the adoption of the CMM 16(2023) on Conservation and Management Measure for the establishment of a SIOFA Vessel Monitoring System (Vessel Monitoring System) (SIOFA VMS), the MoP also *endorsed* a recommendation for the establishment of an intersessional working group to support the establishment of the SIOFA VMS, including to develop detailed Standards, Specifications and Procedures (SSPs) (SIOFA VMSWG) for data formats and transmission, data confidentiality and security requirements, *noting* the agreement of MoP8 to hold an intersessional working process among interested CCPs for further discussions of the technical details of the proposed VMS.

The MoP10 also *agreed* that the SIOFA VMSWG shall further discuss the term ‘unique vessel identifier’ in paragraph 1 of the CMM.

This document proposes the working modality, which includes the agreed responsibilities, meeting modality, and proposed work plan for the SIOFA VMSWG.

2. Meeting Arrangements

The proposed meeting arrangements are:

1. the SIOFA VMS WG meeting is open to all Delegations to the Meeting of Parties (MoP), including representatives of the Compliance Committee (CC) and SIOFA Observers.
2. That an elected chair or vice chair convenes the working groups. Should no chairs be elected, the meeting shall be convened by the Compliance Committee Chair.
3. That the working group will undertake its work online and via correspondence
4. The SIOFA VMS-WG may also invite experts, including those from other intergovernmental organisations working on VMS matters, to advise the working group.
5. A rapporteur and the conveners will compile a workshop report, circulate it, and adopt it as agreed by the Working Group.

3. Main Tasks of the SIOFA-VMSWG




As mandated by the MoP10, the primary responsibilities of the SIOFA VMS WG shall include, among others:

Definition of the SSPs for the SIOFA VMS.

- Definition of the Data format and standards for transmission of VMS position.
- Definition of the Data confidentiality and security requirements, including any legal, physical and procedural safeguards to be considered, including implications on and proposed changes to CMM 03 (2016) on Data Confidentiality and other CMMs as required.
- Discussion on the term ‘unique vessel identifier’ in paragraph 1 of the CMM
- Determining a cost-effective and efficient hosting model for the SIOFA VMS and other operational and infrastructure considerations
- Oversee and Support the Entry into Operation of the SIOFA VMS

4. Proposed Timetable for the Tasks of the SIOFA VMS WG

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SIOFA VMS				
VMSWG Workplan				
Name	Priority	Timeline - Start	Timeline - End	Dependency
SIOFA VMS SSP	Critical 	2023-11-17	2024-05-15	None
Data confidentiality and Security	Critical 	2024-01-15	2024-05-16	None
Definition of Term UVI	High	2024-01-15	2024-05-16	None
Determining cost-effective and efficient hosting models for the SIOFA VMS and other operational and infrastructure considerations	Critical 	2024-07-02	2025-04-30	SIOFA VMS SSP, Data Confidentiality and Security
Oversee and Support the Entry into Operation of the SIOFA VMS	Medium	2025-07-08	2026-12-07	Determining cost-effective and efficient hosting model for the SIOFA VMS and other operational and infrastructure considerations, SIOFA VMS SSP, Data confidentiality and Security
		2023-11-17	2026-12-07	