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REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMISSION

Financial Affairs of the Commission

As in 2018, also in 2019 the SWIOFC did not have an annual budget for the Commission and this makes very difficult and uncertain annual planning of activities.

Since 2016, FAO increased the focus on its Strategic Objectives and Regional Initiatives at the Africa continental level and, as a consequence, previous funding allocations and mechanisms for the African Regional Fisheries Bodies were changed. This situation resulted in a considerable reduction of funding available by the FAO Regular Programme for the support of the Commission and has remained unchanged since the 9th SWIOFC Session.

FAO continues to provide the contribution of the Secretary and the Technical Secretary of the Scientific Committee as part of their duties as, respectively, Fisheries and Aquaculture Officer, Subregional Office for Southern Africa (SFS), and Senior Fisheries Resources Officer based in FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.

In addition, FAO provides an Administrative Assistance on the basis of 11-month contracts and contributes to the salary of the two officers (Programme Officer and Visibility Officer) seconded by the Government of Mozambique to the SWIOFC Secretariat.

FAO also provides technical and partial administrative assistance to the organization of the annual Commission and Scientific Committee but financial support for these two sessions does not include funds for the participation of the delegates to the sessions that is kindly provided by partners' organizations.

The largest part of the funding for the work programme of the Commission continues, since the 8th Session, to be through the IOC/SWIOFish1 project with contributions by the WWF. A consolidated budget and report of IOC/SWIOFish1 support to the Commission is presented to the Steering Committee and subsequently to the Commission at this Session.

The Members are invited to consider the problems for the Commission's work arising from the lack of an annual and secured budget and discuss the options for a SWIOFC financing mechanism presented in document SFS/DM/SWIOFC/19/12.

Administrative Affairs of the Commission

Since October 2015, the Secretariat of the Commission is set up at the National Administration for Fisheries (ADNAP), Rua Consiglieri Pedroso, Maputo, Mozambique. According to an Agreement between FAO and the host government, support to the Secretariat provided by the Government of Mozambique consists of office space and two personnel seconded from the Government. The Secretariat is supported by a Programme Officer and a Visibility Officer seconded by the Ministry of the Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries of Mozambique. A new Programme Officer, Ms. Dulce Panguana, is up to start working at the Secretariat in October 2019 replacing Ms Elvira Xerinda, who had left the Secretariat in September 2018.

Furniture, IT ware, internet and phone line setups for the SWIOFC office have been completed with the support of SWIOFish1 project. The SWIOFC office is composed of three rooms and it will soon host also the four officers recruited under the GCP/SFS/005/SWE project funded by Sida. Consequently, total number of personnel hosted in the SWIOFC Secretariat will grow to 8 persons with possible problems for office space.