

FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
Twelfth Session
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FIRMS RELEVANT ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY SIOFA DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD (May 2019 – September 2021)
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I. Summary of Activities

- Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries;
 - Yearly fisheries data collection
- Study on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries;
 - Alfonsino stock assessment (*Beryx splendens*)
- Development of SIOFA fisheries databases

II. Planned activities during the coming intersession period

- Analysis of data dissemination protocols in relation to data confidentiality rules, including data dissemination to FIRMS and GRSF
- Fisheries specific studies:
 - Saya de Malha bank fisheries assessment (multi species)
 - Orange Roughy stock assessment (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*)
- Harvest strategies for SIOFA main species and fisheries.

III. Contribution to strategic directions for the FIRMS Partnership

The SIOFA Secretariat contributed to the Survey organized during FSC12 relating to the “Survey on use of FIRMS by Partners, for strategic decisions for 2020-30 decade:

Partner	Benefits	Weaknesses	Enhancements	Impacts	Concerns
SIOFA	Visibility and communications about SIOFA fisheries and data to the Public	SIOFA confidentiality rules and few vessels fisheries prevent many data disclosure	A provisional calendar would be a good thing to improve communication with FIRMS and to plan in advance the different actions to be done during the year	Participation to FIRMS has a small impact on Secretariat and SIOFA committee workload	None identified, besides the risk of disclosing confidential data which should be dealt by the SIOFA Secretariat