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SOUTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES COMMISSION

Third Session

Mahe, Seychelles, 17-20¹ December 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session

2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Session

3. Progress Report of the Secretariat

Report of the Secretariat against last year's workplan

4. Report of the Scientific Committee

Report of the Scientific Committee on the status of fisheries resources in the SWIOFC area of competence. The Commission will also be apprised of the preparations for the Regional Conference on the contribution of fisheries development to the Millenium Development Goals. The hosting of the Regional Conference will be brought to Commission for decision

5. Report of the Steering Committee of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Project

The SWIOFP will be holding its First Steering Committee meeting. As agreed at the last Session, the Commission would receive a report of the progress of the Project as well as suggestions for the appropriate adjustments of the Committee's and the Commission's work plans in order to ensure an optimum coordination in the development of both categories of activities. The Commission will also receive the draft text linking it with the Steering Committee of the SWIOFP for its consideration and decision .

6. Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) at the regional level

Mozambique will apprise the Commission on a Southern and East Africa Forum on illegal fishing and present related matters for the Commission's consideration.

7. Capacity building in fisheries agreements

A report of an African Union workshop on building capacity in negotiating fisheries agreements will be presented. Relevant aspects will be brought to the Commission for its consideration.

8. Safety at Sea for small scale fishers

¹ The Third Session of the Commission will now **end at 1100hrs on Thursday 20 December** since the Steering Committee meeting of the SWIOFP will no longer take place.

Following a brief report of a regional safety at sea workshop held in Comores, December 2006, a regional programme to improve safety at sea in small scale fisheries in the SWIO will be presented to the Commission for its consideration and endorsement..

9. Global initiatives in support of small scale fisheries

At the last Committee on Fisheries(COFI) held in Rome, March 2007, there was a concerted thrust for greater attention to be devoted to small scale fisheries. The Commission will be informed of global initiatives in place and possibilities of involvement of the SWIOFC, for consideration.

10. A Compliance Committee or some instrument for Monitoring/Compliance

An outstanding matter from the last Session for the Commission's consideration

11. Other matters

12. Programme of work for the Commission

13. Election of the Bureau

14. Date, place and arrangements for the next Session

15. Adoption of the Report