

**South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Project  
Regional Component Coordinator**

**Report Country: Mauritius**

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**Report of RCC 5 - Activities (July 2010 – August 2011)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Deliverables/Activities</b>	<b>Description of activities carried out and brief outcomes</b>	<b>Report Produced (A copy to the RMU)</b>	<b>Constraints/difficulties encountered</b>
1	Meeting of the C5 working Group; (18 /19 August 2010 Mauritius)	To develop the C5 programme in detail with all NCCs. To assess progress of activities of C5	Report produced and submitted to RMU	Main constraint is poor communication
2	Observer Programme (16 August – 9 September 2010 ORI, South Africa)	Observers are being trained. The objective is to intensify observer activities on commercial vessels to improve the level and extent of information; Observers will be specially trained and deployed in collaboration with existing observer activities where possible.		
3	Sea Turtle Connectivity (30 August -3 September 2010 – Reunion Island)	Training in sea turtle monitoring & satellite tagging;  Identification of turtle hotspots, migration routes	The training on turtle monitoring and satellite tagging was carried out at KELONIA Reunion. (16 participants trained ) Report produced and submitted to RMU.	Many participants were unaware of the C5 & SWIOFP objectives and activities. Lack of coordination within NMUs
4	Purchase of satellite Tags	(i) Quotations of satellite tags from 3 suppliers sent to RMU  (ii) Formalities for getting the programme from CLS-Argos (Contacted Cecile Convert to open a programme for SWIOFP)	SWIOFP procurement notice form filled in and sent to RMU  Forms filled in and sent to CLS for opening programme  Programme opened; ID numbers obtained; Tags to be delivered	Slow administrative procedures
5	Meeting – Cruise and Observer logistic coordination meeting 14 – 17 November 2010 ( ORI - Durban)	Issues discussed : Issues related to the deployment of observers in the forthcoming SWIOFP cruises .	Meeting – Cruise and Observer logistic coordination meeting 14 – 17 November 2010 (ORI - Durban)	

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6	Interim Meeting Discussions relating to Key Issues for implementation of C5 18 November 2010( ORI - Durban)	Key issues for implementation were discussed and developed for action: <b>Retrospective analysis</b> A letter was sent to each one individual who had agreed to do a task and asked to report on progress by 3 December 2010. First drafts to be ready by mid February 2011 Based on the planning and approve budget several tasks required expert consulting input. These were identified, terms of reference developed and circulated to appropriate agents <b>MPA information</b> The situation regarding receipt of shape files from each country was discussed and updated. Some additional data was still required. <b>Cost issues</b> There had been some costs associated with the Madagascar Nansen cruise for C5- with analysis of sand samples. These should be authorised by RCC5 and sent to RMU. <b>Observer workshop</b>	Notes of meeting	Communication among the NCCs is still a major problem and hinders the smooth running of the project and a major drawback.
7	Observer on Nansen cruise (December 2010)	Acoustics survey, trawling, CTD deployed, plankton sampling, bird and mammal sighting  Collection of sea water samples and analysis of nutrients	Country report produced for Mauritius.	
8	Training in RBA  Drafting of ToR for consultancy for carrying out rapid by-catch assessment for C5	Scientists trained in RBA technique  ToR finalized	Report sent to RMU  ToR sent to RMU for advertising EOI. EOI advertised and contract awarded	

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9	Mid Term review meeting	<p>Project reviewed and budget restructured  Project for tagging of marine turtle approved.  Budget restructured accordingly for purchase of satellite tags.</p> <p>Formalities formalised with France NMU for holding training in RBA</p>	Report produced by RMU	<p>Slack Communication / slow response</p> <p>No interest / overload at work thus not possible to answer to demands of SWIOFP</p>
10	Local harmonization/stakeholders meeting	Meetings held in some countries to discuss how SWIOFP activities could be jointly implemented		Long administrative procedures
11	Review and approval of MSc applications	MSc applications reviewed and funds disbursed	Submitted for approval to RMU	