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South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 17TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC) - 2021

CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Granville Louw (SA 2019 - 2021)

VENUE: Virtual

VICE-CHAIR:

DATE: 15-19 November 2021

1. Opening of meeting by the Chairperson

The Chairperson will open the meeting and welcome delegates.

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

The Chairperson will ensure the appointment of the rapporteur who will take minutes of the Scientific Committee meeting.

3. Adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements

Members will review and adopt the agenda. Delegates will be informed of any practical arrangements for the meeting by the Executive Secretary ([DOC/SC/01/2021](#) & [DOC/SC/02/2021](#)).

Due to limited time available for virtual sessions, the agenda can be adjusted accordingly before adoption.

4. Introduction and admission of Observers

The Chairperson will announce observers present.

5. Introduction of Delegations

The Chairperson will allow participants to introduce themselves.

6. Review of submitted SEAFO working documents and any related presentations, allocation to the agenda items

Members will review research/working documents and presentations submitted ([DOC/SC/00/2021](#)).

7. Review 2020/2021 work program

SC listed the following tasks for 2020 which was carried over to 2021:

7.1 Establish an Orange roughy Task Team with Namibia (as a coordinator) to develop survey design protocols and criteria intersessionally. The Task Team will consist of four members from Namibia, EU, Norway and South Africa ([DOC/SC/03/2021](#)).

7.2 Establish a working group (Secretariat, Namibia and EU) that will collect and collate all available orange roughy data and analyse CPUE.

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- 7.4 Collect samples of orange roughy in the Namibian EEZ, South African EEZ and SEAFO CA for genetic comparison at the University of Stellenbosch. Mr. Granville Louw (South Africa) to draft a guideline protocol for the collection and storage of genetics samples.
- 7.5 Establish a Task team to prepare the survey plan for the 2020 EAF Nansen Survey and to give feedback from the 2019 & 2020 Nansen surveys (final and preliminary reports, respectively) at the next SC meeting.
- 7.6 South Africa to continue with the orange roughy data (catch depths & length frequencies) analysis for catches recorded in the EEZ.
- 7.7 Draft guidelines for using scientific data (video footage & survey counts) in the determination of threshold limits of VME encounters in relation to guidelines in other RFMOs and scientific bodies – assigned to ES. ([DOC/SC/15/2021](#)).

8. Report by the ES presenting landing tables updated with data received until 31 August 2021

The Executive Secretary will present all landings, incidental by-catches and discard tables ([DOC/SC/05/2021](#)).

9. Review spatial and temporal distribution of fishing activity and biological data

Members will review the catches and spatial distribution of non-benthic species as reported by the fishing vessels from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and make recommendations if necessary ([DOC/SC/05/2021](#)).

10. Review the spatial distribution of reported catches of benthic organisms (corals, sponges, etc.)

Members will review the spatial distribution of benthic organisms as reported by the fishing vessels 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and make recommendations if necessary ([DOC/SC/05/2021](#)).

11. Review the Stock Status Report

Members will review the 2021 compiled Stock Status Reports and update where necessary ([DOC/SC/06/2021](#); [DOC/SC/07/2021](#); [DOC/SC/08/2021](#); [DOC/SC/09/2021](#); [DOC/SC/10/2021](#)). The documents are available on the SC meeting SHAREPOINT.

During the 2019 SC meeting, tasks were assigned to various members to update the Stock Status reports intersessionally. No discussion was done during the correspondence meeting. The Executive Secretary will send reminder emails early in 2021 to the members responsible for the tasks below to be ready for the 2021 meeting.

See the tasks listed below from the 2019 SC meeting:

- Patagonian toothfish: Make length-frequency graphs more legible, align x-axes for all graphs and include modal length on individual graphs to easily view size changes across years – assigned to Dr. Tsutomu Nishida. (**DONE**)
- ALL STOCKS STATUS REPORTS: Standardize referencing across Stock Status Reports – assigned to Executive Secretary. (Referencing was sent to members and are included in the latest SSRs - **DONE**)
- STOCKS STATUS REPORTS: Update & validate Alfonsino (BYS) Stock Status Reports catch maps and tables (3, 4 & 5) – assigned to Dr. Arved Staby. (**DONE**)
- ALL STOCKS STATUS REPORTS: Standardize maps across Stock Status Reports (preferably design an R-script for catch positions and hexagonal aggregations of catch totals per year) – assigned to Mr. Erich Maletzky.

- STOCKS STATUS REPORTS: Standardize and update all tables in the Pelagic armourhead (EDR) Stock Status Reports – assigned to Mr. Granville Louw.

12. Review research activities in the SEAFO CA since October 2020

Members will review research activities conducted between October 2019 and date of SC meeting. SC will discuss and review information regarding the EAF-Nansen survey done in 2019 – if a survey report is available by then ([DOC/SC/04/2021](#)).

13. Examine, where appropriate, assessments and research done by neighbouring States and other organisations

Members will examine CCAMLR's assessments and, if applicable and available, assessments from South Africa, Namibia and Angola.

- Amelia Bridges from Plymouth University will make a presentation on the modelling work done on VME in the cooperation project of SEAFO/FAO-Nansen and CEFAS ([DOC/SC/12/2021](#)).
- James Bell submitted a report on the RSS Discovery Survey to Tristan da Cunha & St Helena survey if he gets permission to share the report. ([DOC/SC/11/2021](#)).

14. Data Requests and Research Proposals

- A proposal for another Dr Fridtjof Nansen survey during 2022 in the SEAFO CA will be presented by the EAF Nansen Project ([DOC/SC/13/2021](#)).

15. Review Total Allowable Catches and related management conditions for Patagonian Toothfish, Alfonsino, Amourhead, Orange Roughy and Deep-sea Red.

SC will recommend TAC's for Patagonian Toothfish, Alfonsino, Amourhead, Orange Roughy and Deep-sea Red Crab for 2022/2023.

16. Any other matters

17. Collate advice and recommendations to the Commission on issues emanating from the 2021 meeting

SC will collate all the recommendations emanating from the Commission meeting for adoption.

18. 2022 Work Plan

SC to compile a work plan for 2020.

19. Budget for 2022

SC will compile a budget for 2022.

(There is a provision of N\$ 220 000 in the budget which was allocated for genetic analysis).

20. Election of New Chair and Vice-Chair for 2019-2021

SC will appoint the new Chair and Vice-Chair for the next 3-year period.

21. Adoption of the Report

Members will review and adopt the 2021 SC report.

22. Date and place of next meeting

Members will agree on a date and venue for the 2022 SC meeting to be approved by the Commission.

23. Closure of the meeting

The Chairperson will close and adjourn the meeting.