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South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)

## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC) - 2023

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**CHAIRPERSON:** XX(SA 2022 - 2024)

**VENUE:** Virtual & Physical Swakopmund

**VICE-CHAIR:** XX (ANGOLA 2022 – 2024)

**DATE:** 20-24 November 2023

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**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/01/2023/Rev1 \(15 Nov 2023\)](#) & [DOC/SC/02/2023/Rev2 \(15 Nov 2023\)](#)).

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 heads of delegations to introduce their delegation.

**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/00/2023/Rev2 \(15 Nov 2023\)](#)).

**7. Review 2023 work program**

SC listed the following tasks for 2023

- 7.1 Finalization of Orange roughy genetic analysis (sending of samples to UP etc.).
- 7.2 South Africa to continue with the Orange roughy data (catch depths & length frequencies) analysis for catches recorded in the EEZ for reporting at the 2023 SC meeting.
- 7.3 Updating of the Observer and Captain's logbook forms to capture tag and recapture information for Patagonian toothfish (ES).
- 7.4 Finalization of standardised SEAFO SC maps and intersessional workshop (Mr Maletzky and ES).
- 7.5 Continue the investigation on the different approaches for quantifying abundance of VMEs from video and image data for drafting guidelines for the SEAFO CA.
- 7.6 Update the relevant SEAFO documents (and database) to incorporate the new FAO/ASFIS codes on four Chaceon species, as well as the scientific name for Pelagic armourhead (by February 2023) (ES).
- 7.7 Obtain more information on the location and timing of spawning aggregations for Orange roughy in the SEAFO CA based on historical data (ES & Mr. Endjambi).
- 7.8 Standardize the CPUE series for key SEAFO commercial fish species for use in stock assessment (Mrs. Maletzky, Kathena, Sarralde, et. al.).

**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/03/2023/Rev1 \(10 Nov 2023\)](#)).

**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 2022 to 31 August 2023 and make recommendations if necessary ([DOC/SC/04/2023/Rev4 \(10 Nov 2023\)](#)).

**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 2022 to 31 August 2023 and make recommendations if necessary ([DOC/SC/04/2023/Rev2 \(10 Nov 2023\)](#)).

**11. Review the Stock Status Report**

Members will review the 2023 compiled Stock Status Reports and update where necessary ([DOC/SC/05/2023](#); [DOC/SC/06/2023](#); [DOC/SC/07/2023](#); [DOC/SC/08/2023/Rev1\(14 Nov 2023\)](#); [DOC/SC/09/2023](#)).

**12. Review research activities in the SEAFO CA since October 2022**

Members will review research activities conducted between October 2022 and date of SC meeting.

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

Members will examine assessments and research done by neighbouring states and other organisations, if applicable and available.

**14. Data Requests and Research Proposals**

Members will consider any data requests and research proposals forwarded to the SC.

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

The Commission decided in 2022 that TACs for Patagonian Toothfish, Alfonsino, Amourhead, Orange roughy and Deep-sea Red Crab be rolled over for 2024 **unless** the results from the assessment (HCR) at the end of 2023 indicates a major reason to review the TACs. The SC will conduct a full stock assessment during the 2024 meeting.

During this meeting the HCR will be applied, and the outcome will indicate if the TAC will be rolled over for 2024 or if a major review of the TACs for 2024 is necessary.

**16. Any other matters**

16.1 Review of the 2016 Performance Review report relevant to the Scientific Committee.

The members will consider the recommendations from the 2016 Performance Review relevant to the SC and provide feedback to the Commission. The ES listed the recommendations in [DOC/SC/10/2023](#).

16.2 Conservation Status of Albatrosses and Petrels and ACAP Advice on Reducing their Bycatch in SEAFO Fisheries.

Dr Megan Tierney, ACAP Coordinator & South Atlantic Overseas Territories Adviser, will present an update on the subject to the SC for information ([DOC/SC/11/2023](#)).

16.3 Characterization of the Spanish toothfish fishery in the SEAFO CA. Paper presented by the EU – Sarraalde & Barreiro ([DOC/SC/12/2023/Rev1 \(6 Nov 2023\)](#)).

16.4 Homogenization of the logbooks with other organizations to be discussed by the SC on request from the EU.

The rationale behind this is in short:

- To join the "Daily setting observations" with the "Daily Hauling Observations" in a single spreadsheet, and to separate in a different spreadsheet the "Observed catch composition during tally period". Those changes simplify the compilation of the data and makes data recording like that of other organizations.
- The LL description: To change the format to allow to include the circumstances when the gear that is used is changed within the same trip...it happens to us in SIOFA, and although it has never happened in SEAFO, as far as I know, it could happen in the future.

**17. Collate advice and recommendations to the Commission on issues emanating from the 2023 meeting.**

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

**18. 2024 Work Plan**

SC to compile a work plan for 2024.

**19. Budget for 2024**

SC will compile a budget for 2024.

There is a provision of N\$ 300,000.00 in the budget which was allocated for genetic analysis. The total cost of the project can be around N\$ 330,000.00 but for in case additional costs are incurred it is recommended to request another N\$ 50,000.00 from SCAF.

**20. Adoption of the Report**

Members will review the 2023 SC report for adoption.

**21. Date and venue of next meeting**

Members will agree on a proposed date and place for the 2024 SC meeting to be approved by the Commission.

**22. Closure of the meeting**

The Chairperson will close and adjourn the meeting.