



SOUTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANISATION  
REPORT OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE  
COMMITTEE (CC) - 2024

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## REPORT OF THE 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (CC)

Alte Brücke Conference Centre, Swakopmund, NAMIBIA - 25 November 2024

### 1. Opening of the meeting

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SEAFO Compliance Committee (CC) was convened on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the Alte Brücke Conference Centre in Swakopmund, Namibia. The Chairperson, Mr. Tae-hoon WON from the Republic of Korea, opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates.

### 2. Appointment of Rapporteur

The Secretariat was appointed as rapporteur for the meeting.

### 3. Adoption of Agenda and Meeting arrangements

The agenda ([DOC/CC/01/2024](#)) ([Appendix I](#)) was reviewed and adopted.

### 4. Introduction and Admission of Observers

The following Observers attended the meeting and were welcomed by the Chairperson:

- Mr. Michele AMERI from Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (UN/DOALOS).
- Ms. Megan TIERNEY from The Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP). She is attending the SC and CC and Commission meeting. SEAFO has a MOU with ACAP which will be renewed in the 2024 Commission meeting.
- Mr. Xolela WELLEM from the Benguela Current Convention Secretariat based in Swakopmund, Namibia.

The Observers introduced themselves.

### 5. Introduction of Parties Delegations

Delegations introduced their members. See the delegate list in [Appendix II](#).

### 6. Executive Secretary's Report on Compliance

The Compliance Review Report was presented by the Executive Secretary (ES) ([DOC/CC/03/2024 Rev1 \(23 Nov 24\)](#)). It was noted that two fishing trips, by the EU and Namibia, were conducted and included in the report.

A correction of date change was suggested in section 6 on page 3 to the report which is in red text and highlighted in yellow in the revised report ([DOC/CC/03/2023/Rev2 \(25 Nov 2024\)](#)).

The EU promised to send quarterly catch report in time in future.

The CC appreciated new fishing activities and encouraged Namibia to improve the compliance by ensuring new vessels are compliant to all the requirements of SEAFO. Namibia committed to make sure that in future all compliance requirements are met.

The ES was requested to include the TAC information of all the SEAFO species in the report in future.

The CC emphasized the importance of getting the full details of lost gear in accordance with the requirements of SEAFO.

#### **7. Annual Review of the “SEAFO System of Observation, Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement”**

Japan proposed changes to the SEAFO System Article 24 ([DOC/CC/05/2024](#)). The CC discussed the proposal with several Contracting Parties providing their inputs. The Republic of South Africa submitted alternative text which will be reviewed by the CPs before the Commission meeting for discussion and possible adoption by the Commission.

**ACTION:** The CC postponed the matter to the Commission meeting of 2024.

#### **8. Consideration of the provisional SEAFO IUU Vessel list for 2025**

SEAFO has a joint listing agreement with NEAFC, NAFO, SIOFA and CCAMLR and the DRAFT IUU Vessel list contains the latest updates ([DOC/CC/04/2024](#)), which the CC approved and recommends that the Commission accept the SEAFO IUU vessel list for 2025.

**ACTION:** The CC adopted the DRAFT SEAFO IUU vessel list for 2025 and recommends to the Commission to approve the SEAFO IUU vessel list for 2025 presented in [DOC/CC/04/2024](#).

#### **9. Recommendations on Additional Measures of Compliance**

South Africa proposed some areas of potential additional measures of Compliance. The CC encouraged all CPs to consider submitting proposals for additional measures of compliance to the next CC meeting where needed.



**10. Any Other Matters**

The CC discussed the matter of limiting Observers to attend discussions at the CC meetings where issues with sensitive information being discussed. The CC concluded that transparent engagement with Observers is important as it can contribute positively to SEAFOs mission and foster stronger global cooperation in combatting IUU fishing and promoting responsible fisheries management and to include Observers in the meetings on the condition that any CP could request a closed session in advance when they find an issue to be discussed in a closed format.

**11. Venue and date of next meeting**

The next Compliance Committee meeting will coincide with the next Commission meeting and the date will therefore be decided by the Commission.

**12. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

The term of the current Chair and Vice-Chairperson came to an end and in accordance with the rotational rule, The Republic of Namibia will be the Chair, and the Republic of South Africa will be the Vice-Chair for the period 2025-2026. Names of persons for the positions will be submitted to the ES as soon as possible.

**13. Adoption of the 2024 Compliance Committee Report**

The meeting reviewed and adopted the Compliance Committee report for 2024 to be presented by the Chair to the Commission.

**14. Closure of meeting**

The Chair closed the meeting at 13:37 on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 and adjourned the meeting in good faith.

**APPENDIX I: List of Documents, Agenda and Annotated Agenda**

DOC/CC/00/2024\_Rev1 (8 Nov 24)



**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE  
COMMITTEE (CC) – 2024**

**CHAIRPERSON:** Mr. Tae-hoon **WON** (Rep. KOREA 2023-2024)

**VENUE:** Alte Brücke  
Conference Centre,  
Swakopmund, NAMIBIA

**VICE-CHAIR:** Ms. Graca **D'ALMEIDA** (NAMIBIA 2023-2024)

**DATE:** 25 Nov 2024

Document Ref. Number	Agenda Item	Document Title	Provider	Availability of Document
DOC/CC/00/2024_Rev1 (8 Nov 24)	All	List of Documents	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/01/2024_Rev1 (8 Nov 24)	All	Provisional Agenda of the 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Compliance Committee	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/02/2024_Rev1 (8 Nov 24)	All	Provisional Annotated Agenda of the 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Compliance Committee	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/03/2024	6	Compliance Review for 2024	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/04/2024	8	Provisional IUU Vessel List for 2025	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/05/2024	7	Proposal to Amend Article 24 of the SEAFO System	Japan	Available before meeting

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE  
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**CHAIRPERSON:** Mr. Tae-hoon WON (Rep. KOREA 2023-2024)**VENUE:** Alte Brücke  
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Swakopmund, NAMIBIA**VICE-CHAIR:** Ms. Graca D'ALMEIDA (NAMIBIA 2023-2024)**DATE:** 25 Nov 2024

Item	Agenda Item	Working Document
1	Opening of Meeting by Chairperson	
2	Appointment of Rapporteur	
3	Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Arrangements	DOC/CC/01/2024_Rev1 (8 Nov 24) DOC/CC/02/2024_Rev1 (8Nov 24)
4	Introduction and Admission of Observers	
5	Introduction of Delegations	
6	Executive Secretary's report on 2024 Compliance	DOC/CC/03/2024
7	Annual Review of the "SEAFO System of Observation, Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement"	DOC/CC/05/2024
	7.1 Proposal to Amend Article 24 - Japan	
8	Consideration of the Provisional SEAFO's IUU Vessel List for 2025	DOC/CC/04/2024
9	Recommendations on Additional Measures of Compliance	
10	Any Other Matters 10.1 Observers attendance of CC Meeting - EU	
11	Venue & date of next meeting	
12	Election of Chair and Vice-chair	

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13	Adoption of the 2024 Compliance Committee Report	
14	Closure of meeting	

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (CC) – 2024**

**CHAIRPERSON:** Mr. Tae-hoon **WON** (Rep. KOREA 2023-2024)**VENUE:** Alte Brücke  
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NAMIBIA**VICE-CHAIR:** Ms. Graca **D'ALMEIDA** (NAMIBIA 2023-2024)**DATE:** 25 Nov 2024

NR	AGENDA ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	<b>Opening of the meeting</b>	The Chairperson will open the meeting and welcome delegates
2	<b>Appointment of Rapporteur</b>	The Chairperson will confirm the appointment of a rapporteur who will draft the Compliance Committee Meeting Report
3	<b>Adoption of Agenda and Meeting arrangements</b>	The delegations will review and adopt the agenda of the Compliance Committee meeting and will be informed of any practical arrangements for the meeting by the Executive Secretary
DOC/CC/00/2024 Rev1 (8 Nov 24); DOC/CC/01/2024 Rev1 (8 Nov 24); DOC/CC/02/2024 Rev1 (8 Nov 24)		
4	<b>Introduction and Admission of Observers</b>	The Chairperson will announce observers present as indicated by the Executive Secretary
5	<b>Introduction of Parties Delegations</b>	The Chairperson will allow delegations to introduce themselves
6	<b>Executive Secretary's Report on Compliance</b>	The Executive Secretary will present a report on compliance for 2024. The Committee will discuss the Compliance Report and make recommendations on issues emanating from the report
DOC/CC/03/2024		
7	<b>Annual Review of "SEAFO System of Observation, Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement" 2019</b>	7.1 Proposal to amend Article 24 – Japan DOC/CC/05/2024



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<b>8</b>	<b>Consideration of the provisional SEAFO IUU Vessel list for 2025</b>	The Committee shall review the provisional IUU Vessel list and recommend it to the Commission for adoption DOC/CC/04/2024
<b>9</b>	<b>Recommendations on Additional Measures of Compliance</b>	The Committee will consider any other compliance-related measures for recommendation to the Commission if needed
<b>10</b>	<b>Any other Matters</b>	If any other matters have been requested during the adoption of the agenda, it will be discussed  10.1 Attendance of Observers of CC meeting - EU
<b>11</b>	<b>Venue and date of next meeting</b>	The committee will discuss a venue and date for the next annual Compliance meeting, which is usually determined during the Commission meeting
<b>12</b>	<b>Election of Chair and Vice-Chair</b>	The current Chair and Vice-chair can be re-elected for another two-year period OR the next CP's in line will be Namibia as Chair and the Republic of South Africa as Vice-chair for the period from 2025-2026.  According to the Alphabetical listing of Contracting parties ANGOLA EU JAPAN <b>KOREA</b> <b>NAMIBIA</b> SOUTH AFRICA
<b>13</b>	<b>Adoption of the Compliance Committee Report</b>	The Committee will review and adopt the 2024 report to be presented by the Chairperson to the Commission for adoption
<b>14</b>	<b>Closure of meeting</b>	The Chairperson will close and adjourn the meeting

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