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South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 20TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC) - 2024

CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Yonela GEJA (Rep. SA 2022 - 2024)

VENUE: Alte Brücke
Conference Centre,
Swakopmund, NAMIBIA

VICE-CHAIR: (ANGOLA)

DATE: 18-22 November 2024

NR	AGENDA ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	Opening of Meeting by the Chairperson	The Chairperson will open the meeting and welcome delegates
2	Appointment of Rapporteur	The Chairperson will facilitate the appointment of the rapporteur of the Scientific Committee meeting
3	Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Arrangements	Members will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda. Delegates will be informed of any practical arrangements for the meeting by the Executive Secretary
DOC/SC/01/2024 ; DOC/SC/02/2024		
4	Introduction and Admission of Observers	The Chairperson will announce observers present as indicated by the Executive Secretary
5	Introduction of Delegations	The Chairperson will allow Heads of Delegations to introduce the members of their delegations
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/00/2024		

7	Review 2024 Work Program	<p>7.1 Finalization of Orange roughy genetic analysis and report DOC/SC/10/2024</p> <p>7.2 South Africa to continue with the Orange roughy data (catch depths & length frequencies) analysis for catches recorded in the EEZ</p> <p>7.3 Finalization of standardised SEAFO SC maps – potential virtual meeting on the status of the R script development (tentatively February 2024 – Erich Maletzky)</p> <p>7.4 Continue the investigation on the different approaches for identifying and quantifying VME indicator species abundance from video and image data for drafting guidelines for the SEAFO CA. The ES will liaise with Dr. Thompson regarding this matter and the possibility of financing the training of a prospective university student from SEAFO CPs. The ES will give feedback to SC during the course of 2024</p> <p>7.5 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) DOC/SC/11/2024</p> <p>7.6 Standardize the CPUE series for key SEAFO commercial fish species for use in stock assessment (Maletzky, Kathena, Sarralde, et. al.) DOC/SC/19/2024</p> <p>7.7 Virtual workshop on the alignment of the Observer logbooks (tentatively April 2024 – Roberto Sarralde) DOC/SC/12/2024, DOC/SC/13/2024, DOC/SC/14/2024</p> <p>7.8 Task Team to draft a list of prioritized research objectives within the SEAFO CA for consideration at the 2024 SC meeting (tentatively April 2024). Task Team to comprise one representative from each Contracting Party (Dr. Voges, Mr. Louw, Mr. Maletzky, rep. from Japan, Mr. Sarralde, Mr. Antonio, rep. from Rep. of Korea)</p> <p>7.9 SC to start evaluation of CM25/12 – pending approval from Commission</p>
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8	Report by the ES presenting Landing Tables updated with data received until 31 August 2024	The Executive Secretary will present all landings, incidental by-catches and discard tables
DOC/SC/03/2024		
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 2023 to 31 August 2024 and make recommendations if necessary
DOC/SC/04/2024		
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 from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and make recommendations if necessary
DOC/SC/04/2024		
11	Review the Stock Status Report	Members will review the 2024 compiled Stock Status Reports and update where necessary
DOC/SC/05/2024 ; DOC/SC/06/2024 ; DOC/SC/07/2024 ; DOC/SC/08/2024 ; DOC/SC/09/2024		
12	Review Research Activities in the SEAFO CA since October 2023	Members will review research activities conducted between October 2023 and the date of the 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 14.1 Request for fishing effort data from the FAO Deep-sea Fisheries Project DOC/SC/15/2024
15	Review Total Allowable Catches and related management conditions for: Patagonian Toothfish Alfonsino Amourhead Orange Roughy Deep-sea Red Crab	SC will recommend TAC's for Patagonian Toothfish, Alfonsino, Amourhead, Orange Roughy and Deep-sea Red Crab for 2025/2026
16	Any other matters	Any Other Matters will be discussed 16.1 ACAP update to SEAFO DOC/SC/16/2024 16.2 Data exchange agreement with CCAMLR DOC/SC/17/2024

		16.3 Proposal for tagging of Patagonian toothfish – EU DOC/SC/18/2024
17	Collate Advice and Recommendations to the Commission on issues emanating from the 2024 meeting.	SC will collate all the recommendations emanating to the Commission meeting for adoption
18	2025 Work Plan	SC to compile a work plan for 2025
19	Budget for 2025	SC will compile a budget for 2025 as needed
20	Election of New Chair and Vice-chair	Members will either re-elect or for an additional three-year term or elect a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, each of whom shall serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-election for one additional term according to the alphabetical order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angola • EU • Japan • Korea • Namibia • South Africa
21	Adoption of the Report	Members will review the 2024 SC report for adoption
22	Date and Venue of Next Meeting	Members will agree on a proposed date and place for the 2025 SC meeting to be approved by the Commission
23	Closure of the Meeting	The Chairperson will close and adjourn the meeting