



**SOUTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANISATION**

**Report of the 2013 SEAFO Extra-Ordinary Compliance Committee (EOCC) Meeting**

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Swakopmund, 4-6<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

## **1. Opening of the meeting**

- 1-1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Extra-Ordinary Compliance Committee Meeting was convened at the Alte Brucke Hotel, Swakopmund, Republic of Namibia, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The Chairperson, Mr. Domingos Azevedo from Angola opened the meeting and welcomed all Contracting Party (CP) delegates.
- 1-2. The main objective of the meeting, as explained by the Chairperson, was to review and finalize Phase 2 of the SEAFO System of Observation, Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement "System".

## **2. Appointment of Rapporteur**

- 2-1. Mr. Manfred Likoro and Mr. Stanley Ndara from Namibia were appointed as rapporteurs.  
  
However, the Chairperson indicated that all CP's have to take minutes for final comparison and compilation with the rapporteurs. All CP's contributed to compiling this report.

## **3. Adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements**

- 3-1. The agenda was adopted without any amendments.  
  
However, under Agenda item 6, EU included an introductory presentation providing a summary of achievement to date.

## **4. Introduction of Contracting Party Delegates**

- 4-1. The Chairperson requested the heads of delegation to introduce their delegates. The heads of delegation from each country listed below introduced their delegates:
  - 4-1.1. Mr. Domingos Azevedo (Chairperson)
  - 4-1.2. Angola: No representative
  - 4-1.3. Japan: Mr. Kenro Iino, Tsunehiko Motooka, Aya Murayama, Junichiro Okamoto, Takeshi Shibate
  - 4-1.4. EU: Mr. Orlando Fachada, Mr. Jonathan Lansley
  - 4-1.5. Korea: Mr. Chungmo Jung, Kunwoong JI, Boram JO, Jihyun KIM,
  - 4-1.6. Norway: Mr. Terje Lobach
  - 4-1.7. South Africa: Ms. Marisa Kashorte, Mr. Xolela Wellem
  - 4-1.8. Namibia: Mr. Titus Iilende, Mr. B. Amutse, Mr. Stanley Ndara
  - 4-1.9. Secretariat: Dr. Ben van Zyl, Mr. George Campanis, Ms. Annie Snyders,
  - 4-1.10. Interpreter: Mr. J.A. dos Santos

## **5. Introduction of observers**

5-1. There were no observers present at the meeting.

## **6. Consideration of working document: SEAFO System of observation, inspection compliance and enforcement revised Phase 2 (EOCC/06/2012)**

6-1. EU commenced with a PowerPoint presentation providing a summary of progress to date. The EU then proposed a methodology to submit a paper copy to each delegation for perusal and to project the working document onto a screen and review the draft line by line. The proposed work plan and methodology was accepted by the group.

6-1.1. Plan for the meeting was to put forward a finalized draft to the plenary in the 2013 Annual Commission Meeting for adoption.

6-2. Following the EU's presentation, the parties discussed the presented text, adopting lines and identifying issues for further consideration in the following chapters.

6-2.1. Chapter 4 "Inspection at sea" was discussed. Japan suggested the Executive Secretary does not have to transmit the reports to all Contracting Parties according to United Nations Fish Stock Agreement (UNFSA). But EU, Norway and South Africa commented that to ensure that transparency in SEAFO can go further, inspection reports should be made available to all Contracting Parties. The conclusion was that this information should only be circulated to all Contracting Parties where an alleged infringement is identified.

6-2.2. "Note to the Master" after lengthy discussion Namibia and South Africa suggested that the Inspector may request the fishing gear to be hauled if there are grounds to believe that an infringement has been committed. Korea asked the definition of infringement and the EU gave a definition referencing the UNFSA. It was agreed that inspections should be conducted in line with the relevant provisions in part VI of UNFSA.

6-2.3. A template agreed for an at sea inspection report was inspired by existing RFMO templates. Owing to the absence of any SEAFO fishing gear regulation it was agreed not to include sections in the at sea inspection reports referring to fishing gear specification.

6-3. Chapter 5 "Scientific observer programme" a reference was inserted to the catch data forms and report template on SEAFO website.

6-4. Chapter 6 "Port State control of foreign vessels" Korea requested to change the notice for a request of port entry from 3 days to 48 hours. Korea emphasized the need to update the list of designated ports provided on the SEAFO website. Following the proposal from the EU changes to the text were made to include an obligation to inspect national vessels as well as foreign vessels.

6-5. Chapter 7 "Measures to promote compliance" a new article was created to provide reference to a summary of reporting obligations which will be maintained by the Secretariat who will distribute updated versions to all CP's and make available on the SEAFO website.

6-6. Chapter 8 "Research" in partial fulfillment of the obligations set out in article (16) of the SEAFO Convention a new article providing for vessels conducting fishing research was added.

6-7. Following Japan's concern about the language difficulties on the part of fishing master, it was agreed that they can provide statements in their own language, if necessary. The flag state will be responsible for translation of the mentioned statements and cost thereof.

6-8. All changes made during the discussion will be incorporated into a new draft of a system

combining both phase 1 and phase 2 and will be presented to the Commission for adoption.

**7- Other**

- 7-1. Some CPs raised concern regarding the absence of fishing gear regulation, conversion factors, guidelines that commercial vessels should comply with when conducting research fishing activities and conditions and guidelines that research vessels should comply with when conduct research activities.
- 7-2. The EOCC recommended to the Commission to repeal the annex of the Convention, which is superseded by the system.