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South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 21ST MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC) - 2025

CHAIRPERSON: Ms. Zimasa JIKA (Rep. South Africa 2025 - 2026)

VENUE: Virtual &
Sands Hotel,
Swakopmund

VICE-CHAIR: (ANGOLA)

DATE: 18-21 November 2025

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/01/2025 ; DOC/SC/02/2025		
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 Delegation 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/00/2025		

7	Review 2025 Work Program	7.1 The ES to follow up with the Republic of South Africa to provide catches recorded in the EEZ to get a full picture of the orange roughy historical catches in the SE Atlantic. Historical catch data from adjacent EEZ areas for other species (i.e. deep-sea Red crab, alfonsino and Patagonian toothfish) also need to be added to the stock status reports as in the orange roughy stock status report for consistency. 7.2 Finalization of CPUE standardization for the Patagonian toothfish fishery and possibly carry out model assessment (e.g. JABBA) (Mr. John Kathena et al.). 7.3 Finalization of standardised SEAFO SC maps – potential virtual meeting on the status of the R-script development (tentatively February 2025 – Mr. Erich Maletzky). 7.4 Approaches to identify and quantify VME indicator species. Contracting Parties to provide names to the EAF-Nansen programme of potential scientist/students to take on the responsibilities to co-lead the work for quantifying VMEs in the SEAFO area together with an expert from the EAF-Nansen scientific team. Submit research proposal to be carried on board RV Dr. Fridtjof Nansen in 2026-2027 before February 2025. ES to submit a letter of intent to continue corroborative research work with EAF-Nansen programme. 7.5 Review of the conservation measure (CM 25/12) to be finalised intersessionally (Mr. Roberto Sarraide in collaboration with Dr. Megan Tierney- ACAP). (DOC/SC/10/2025) 7.6 Alignment of Observer data form and Captain logbook for longlines The ES finalise the Excel forms by adding data validation and revising SEAFO species lists. To be ready for use by April 2025. 7.7 The ES to update VME bycatch summary table with the column on kg/1000 hooks to be given to the maximum bycatch segment for sponges and corals rather than for the whole trip. 7.8 Look into the potential of adding maps to identify hotspots of VMEs bycatch in the stock status report of the Patagonian toothfish (Mr. Erich Maletzky and Mr. Takehiro Okuda). 7.9 ES to add confidence intervals to CPUE for orange roughy in the stock status report (Fig. 3).
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		7.10 The review of the HCR including the exceptional circumstance protocols to clarify the “recent five years” and use all available data when setting future TAC intersessionally (Mr. Roberto Sarralde, Mr. Taro Ichii, Mr. Erich Maletzky, Mr. John Kathena and Mr. Tobias Endjambi). 7.11 Review CCAMLR toothfish tagging protocol to implement in the SEAFO CA (Mr. Roberto Sarralde and Mr. Takehiro Okuda).
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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/03/2025		

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 st September 2024 to 31 st August 2025 and make recommendations if necessary
DOC/SC/04/2025		

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 st September 2024 to 31 st August 2025 and make recommendations if necessary
DOC/SC/04/2025		

11	Review the Stock Status Report	Members will review the 2025 compiled Stock Status Reports and update where necessary
DOC/SC/05/2025 ; DOC/SC/06/2025 ; DOC/SC/07/2025 ; DOC/SC/08/2025 ; DOC/SC/09/2025		

12	Review Research Activities in the SEAFO CA since October 2024	Members will review research activities conducted between October 2024 and the date of the SC meeting
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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
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14	Data Requests and Research Proposals	Members will consider any data requests and research proposals forwarded to the SC
15	Any other matters	Any Other Matters will be discussed 15.1 CORDAP Cartography Project (DOC/SC/11/2025) ES to present the Coral Cartography Project: Mapping Atlantic Cold-Water Corals to support Area Based Management. 15.2 ACAP Update (DOC/SC/12/2025) Dr Megan Thierny will present: "Addressing a Conservation Crisis: saving albatrosses and petrels through improved fisheries management"
16	Collate Advice and Recommendations to the Commission on issues emanating from the 2025 meeting.	SC will collate all the recommendations emanating to the Commission meeting for adoption
17	2026 Work Plan	SC to compile a work plan for 2026
18	Budget for 2026	SC will compile a budget for 2026 if needed
19	Adoption of the Report	Members will review the 2025 SC report for adoption
20	Date and Venue of Next Meeting	Members will agree on a proposed date and place for the 2026 SC meeting to be approved by the Commission
21	Closure of the Meeting	The Chairperson will close and adjourn the meeting