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South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)

## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SEAFO COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (CC) – 2022

**CHAIRPERSON:** Mr. Ichiro NOMURA (Japan 2021-2022)

**VENUE:** Hansa Hotel, Swakopmund

**VICE-CHAIR:** Ms. Soobin SHIM (Rep of Korea 2021-2022)

**DATE:** 28 November 2022

### 1. Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson will open the meeting and welcome delegates.

### 2. Appointment of Rapporteur

The Chairperson will confirm the appointment of a rapporteur who will take minutes for the Compliance Committee meeting and who will write the report.

### 3. Adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements

The delegation 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/00/2022](#)), ([DOC/CC/01/2022](#)) & ([DOC/CC/02/2022](#)).

### 4. Introduction and admission of observers

The Chairperson will announce observers present.

### 5. Introduction of Parties Delegations

The Chairperson will allow delegations to introduce themselves.

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

The Executive Secretary will present a report on compliance for 2021/2022. The Committee will discuss the Compliance Report and make recommendations on issues emanating from the report ([DOC/CC/03/2022](#)).

### 7. Annual Review of "SEAFO System of Observation, Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement" 2019

There is an outstanding matter which was already started in 2018 and carried over to 2019 and then disappeared because of the virtual meetings.

In 2018, the Compliance Committee commenced the discussion on the issue of the definition of lost gear in paragraph 8 of SEAFO System as it does not clearly define to what extent a gear is lost in terms of the application of the reporting requirement. Although the CC and the Commission did not agree on the clear definition through the discussions in 2018 and 2019, in 2019 the Commission adopted the proposal from the CC to direct to the SC to examine the proposed amendment to Article 8 (b) and (d) on the level of lost and/or abandoned gear by gear type, which would eventually cause significant adverse effect on marine living resources in the CA, so that the CC could determine relevant amendments of the SEAFO SYSTEM.

The Recommendation from the SC, if any, will be discussed here.

## Article 8 – Retrieval of lost or abandoned fishing gear

Each Contracting Party shall ensure that:

- (a) vessels operating with any gear shall have equipment on board to retrieve lost or abandoned gear.
- (b) a vessel that has lost or abandoned **a major part of** the gear shall make every reasonable attempt to retrieve it as soon as possible.
- (c) no vessel shall deliberately abandon fishing gear, except for safety reasons, notably vessels in distress and/or life in danger; and
- (d) if the lost gear cannot be retrieved the vessel shall notify the competent authorities of its flag State within 24 hours of the following:
  - i. the name and call sign of the vessel;
  - ii. the type of lost gear;
  - iii. the quantity of gear lost;
  - iv. the time when the gear was lost;
  - v. the position where the gear was lost; and
  - vi. measures taken by the vessel to retrieve lost gear.

### 8. Consideration of the provisional SEAFO IUU Vessel list for 2023

SEAFO has a joint listing agreement with NEAFC, NAFO, SIOFA and CCAMLR and the PROVISIONAL IUU Vessel list contains the latest updates ([DOC/CC/05/2022](#)).

The Committee shall adopt the provisional IUU Vessel list.

### 9. Recommendations on Additional Measures of Compliance

The Committee will consider any other compliance-related measures for recommendation to the Commission if needed

### 10. Any other Matters

The committee will discuss any additional points raised during the adoption of the agenda.

- 10.1. Report on Advancing RFMO IUU vessel list Utilities (The International MCS (IMCS) Network). This report will be presented by the ES for the Contracting Parties for comments ([DOC/CC/INF/01/2022](#)).
- 10.2. Report on the evaluation and strengthening RFMO compliance processes and performance from the Pew Charitable Trusts, in collaboration with the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF). This report will be presented by the ES for the Contracting Parties for comments ([DOC/CC/INF/02/2022](#)).

### 11. Venue and date of next meeting

The committee will agree on a venue and date for the next annual Compliance meeting.

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

According to the Alphabetical listing of Contracting parties

ANGOLA

EU

**JAPAN**

**KOREA**

NAMIBIA

SOUTH AFRICA

The current Chair and Vice-chair can be re-elected for another two-year period or the next CP's in line will be The Republic of Korea as Chair and Namibia as Vice-chair for the period from 2023-2024.

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

The Committee will review and adopt the 2022 report to be presented by the Chairperson to the Commission.

**14. Closure of meeting**

The Chairperson will close and adjourn the meeting.