



Report of the 9th Compliance Committee Meeting

Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 29-30 November 2016- 01 December 2016

1. Opening of the meeting

2. The Chair, Mr. Domingos Azevedo, from Angola opened the meeting and welcomed Contracting Parties (CP's) to the 9th Compliance Committee meeting.

3. Appointment of Rapporteur

4. Mr. Ndara from Namibia was appointed as rapporteur.

5. Adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements

6. The agenda was adopted with one item added to the agenda namely, 'Follow up on Recommendations of the Review Panel Report 2016.'

7. Introduction of Contracting Party Delegates

8. The Heads of Delegations introduced the respective delegation (Annex 1).

9. Introduction of observers

10. The Chair informed the meeting that the USA, ICCAT, NAFO, NAMMCO, NEAFC and CCAMLR, SIOFA and BCC are present as observers.

11. Executive Secretary's Report on Compliance

The Compliance Review Report was presented by the Secretariat (Annex 2) and the

the following points were noted:

South Africa has submitted two of the three Port Inspection Reports to the Secretariat subsequent to the circulation of the Annual Compliance Review 2016 document. These reports were also submitted in the CCAMLR format.

South Africa indicated that due to difficulties experienced with the revamping of their IT systems during 2016, the Port State Inspection Reports were submitted to the Secretariat via private email *albeit* late. South Africa however gave the meeting the assurance that these reports would be submitted timeously moving forward and apologized for the delay in submission.

The Secretariat confirmed that there was consistency in the catches reflected in the Port State Inspection Reports as submitted by South Africa and that it was submitted in the CCAMLR format. Only two Port State Inspection Reports were received by the Secretariat instead of three. South Africa further emphasized the need for training in the area of Port State Inspection Reports and related compliance matters. RSA committed to send the reports in the correct format on 5th December 2016 to the Secretariat.

The meeting highlighted the importance to ensure that information is timeously submitted by Contracting Parties to the Secretariat thereby conforming to prescribed conservation measures.

The meeting noted that Japan used and submitted incorrect Scientific Observer Forms and that catch information for each set was not included.

Japan explained that the submission of incorrect Scientific Observer Reports is regretted as it was erroneously submitted in the CCAMLR format. Japan mentioned that the error has already been rectified and the reports was submitted in the correct format. The Secretariat confirmed the submission of the reports. Japan further undertook to see to it that this error will not re-occur in the future.

Annual Review of the "SYSTEM"

The European Union presented proposed amendments to the SEAFO System (Annex 3). The proposal was forwarded to the Commission for further discussions.

Performance Review 2016 Recommendations

Recommendation 15: Create and implement follow up mechanisms on Port State infringements.

The EU has presented a proposal to amend the System to incorporate follow up mechanisms on Port State infringements. The proposal was forwarded to the Commission for further discussions.

Recommendation 16: The consideration by SEAFO to implement a comprehensive observer programme with compliance purposes

It was agreed that this recommendation is premature at this stage and consideration might be given in the future.

Recommendation 17: Evaluate the opportunity to integrate in the System measures to permit access by observers with compliance purposes from other CP's to carry out functions as agreed by the Commission.

It was agreed that this recommendation is premature at this stage and consideration might be given in the future.

Recommendation 18: Country by Country Compliance Review

The EU committed to submit a proposal for Country by Country Compliance Review Process for the next annual meeting.

Recommendation 19: Guidance and illustrated description of fishing methods and gears in SEAFO.

No consensus was reached and the recommendation was not adopted.

Recommendation 20: Development of more detailed procedures and requirements for follow up on detected infringements through the application of the System.

The EU has presented a proposal to amend the System to incorporate follow up mechanisms on

Port State infringements. The proposal was forwarded to the Commission for further discussions. South Africa stated that they supported this recommendation and also put it on record that all associated costs to training related to this proposal should be borne by SEAFO. The Secretariat then explained to the meeting the processes involved in requesting funding for training purposes.

Recommendation 21: Observer Program with compliance purposes.

It was agreed that this recommendation is premature at this stage and consideration might be given in the future.

Recommendation 22: Consideration to recognize IUU Vessel lists of all relevant RFMO'S.

It was agreed to include the SIOFA IUU vessel list to that of SEAFO IUU vessel list.

Recommendation 29: The Secretariat should maintain linkages and contacts with other RFMO`s in order to build relationships between compliance staff.

The Compliance Committee agreed to implement this recommendation immediately.

Consideration of the provisional SEAFO IUU Vessel List cf. SEAFO ``SYSTEM``

The following changes were incorporated to the SEAFO IUU vessel list;

- a) Viking- was removed
- b) Antony, Andrey Dolgov and; Northern Warrior were added

The provisional list is forwarded to the Commission for approval (Annex).....

Any other Matters

The meeting agreed that the numbering in the System appeared to be confusing and should be made more reader friendly. This matter is deferred to next year for further discussions. The Secretariat was tasked with the revision of the compendium of existing enforcement measures which shall be posted on the SEAFO website in PDF format. The meeting also agreed that SEAFO should reduce the use of paper by providing more electronic working documents to CP`s.

South Africa identified a need to enhance compliance levels and therefore request that training be provided by SEAFO, costs which is to be borne by SEAFO. It is estimated that training costs would be approximately 30,000 ZAR. South Africa therefore request that these funds be provided for training similar to that provided to Scientific Committee by SEAFO.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chairperson

The term of the current Chair and Vice-Chairperson came to an end and in terms of the rotational rule, the EU and Japan will take over the Chair and Vice-Chairperson positions respectively. Nominees from the EU and Japan is to be confirmed.

Adoption of the Compliance Committee Report

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

Venue and date of the next meeting

The next Compliance Committee meeting is scheduled from 27 November-1 December 2017.

Closure of the meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at around 10h45 on 01 December 2016 and adjourned the meeting in good faith.