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South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 23rd MEETING OF THE COMMISSION (COM) – 2026

CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Joji MORISHITA (JAPAN 2025 - 2026)
VICE-CHAIR: (REP. KOREA 2025 - 2026)
VENUE: Swakopmund Hotel & Entertainment Centre
DATE: 2nd & 3rd December 2026

NR	AGENDA ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	**Opening of the Meeting**	The Chairperson will open the meeting and welcome all participants.
2	**Appointment of Rapporteur**	The Chairperson will invite the Commission to appoint a rapporteur to assist with the preparation of the Meeting Report.
3	**Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Arrangements**	The Chairperson will invite Members to consider the Provisional Agenda and propose any amendments, as appropriate. The Commission will then adopt the agenda. The Executive Secretary will provide information on the practical arrangements for the conduct of the meeting
		DOC/COM/00/2026, DOC/COM/01/2026, DOC/COM/02/2026
4	**Introduction and Admission of Observers**	The Executive Secretary will inform the Commission of the observers attending the meeting. The Commission will consider their admission, as appropriate, following which admitted observers will be invited to introduce themselves.
5	**Opening Statements by Contracting Parties and Observers**	Heads of Delegation will introduce the members of their respective delegations and deliver their opening statements. Written opening statements should be submitted to the Secretariat prior to the meeting for inclusion in the Meeting Report. Observers wishing to make opening statements will be invited to do so following the statements by Contracting Parties.
6	**Status of the Convention in Respect of Membership**	The Chairperson will inform the Commission of the current status of membership of, and accession to, the Convention.

7	**Presentation of the 2026 Scientific Committee Report**	The Chairperson of the Scientific Committee will present the 2026 Scientific Committee Report, including its scientific advice and recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will consider the report and take decisions on the recommendations, including those relating to stock status, Total Allowable Catches for 2027 and 2028, and other relevant conservation and management measures.
		DOC/COM/03/2026
8	**Presentation of the 2026 Compliance Committee Report**	The Chairperson of the Compliance Committee will present the 2026 Compliance Committee Report, including its recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will consider the report and take decisions on the recommendations, as appropriate.
		DOC/COM/04/2026

9	**Presentation of the 2026 Standing Committee on Administration and Finance Report**	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance will present the 2026 SCAF Report, including its recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will consider the report and take decisions on the recommendations, including relevant administrative, financial and budgetary matters.
		DOC/COM/05/2026

10	**Report of Meetings Attended during 2026 by the Executive Secretary**	The Executive Secretary will report on meetings attended on behalf of SEAFO during 2026.
		DOC/COM/06/2026/INF

11	**Reports of SEAFO Representatives at the Meetings of other Intergovernmental Organisations**	SEAFO representatives will report on their participation in relevant meetings of other intergovernmental organisations during 2026. Representatives will draw the Commission's attention to any developments or matters of relevance to SEAFO and identify any issues requiring consideration or follow-up by the Commission. 11.1 ICCAT – Rep. South Africa (DOC/COM/08/2026) 11.2 SIOFA – Japan (DOC/COM/09/2026) 11.3 NEAFC – EU (DOC/COM/10/2026) 11.4 NAFO – Japan (DOC/COM/11/2026) 11.5 CCAMLR – Rep Korea (DOC/COM/12/2026)

12	**Nominations of Parties to represent SEAFO at other International Organisations in 2027**	The Commission will nominate Contracting Parties to represent SEAFO at relevant meetings of other international organisations in 2027, including: ICCAT SIOFA NEAFC NAFO CCAMLR

13	**Implementation of the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) and Implications for SEAFO**	At its 2025 Annual Meeting, the Commission agreed to include the implementation of the BBNJ Agreement as an agenda item for future Commission meetings. The European Union has submitted a discussion paper on the interaction between Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) and the BBNJ Agreement. The Commission will consider the implications of the BBNJ Agreement for SEAFO, particularly regarding cooperation and consultation with BBNJ bodies, information sharing, environmental impact assessments, and coordination with other RFMOs. Members will be invited to discuss SEAFO's preparedness to engage in relevant BBNJ processes and consider whether any further action is required.
		DOC/COM/13/2026

14	**Any Other Matters**	
	14.1 CORDAP Cartography Project	14.1 CORDAP Cartography Project Overview presented virtually by the Project Manager, Kerry Howell. The Commission will consider the update and identify any matters requiring further action, as appropriate.
	14.2 ACAP Position Statement	14.2 The Representative of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP), will deliver a Position Statement for ACAP (DOC/COM/14/2026/INF).
	14.3 FAO Deep-sea Fisheries Project Update	14.3 A representative of the FAO Deep-sea Fisheries Project will provide a virtual presentation of an overview of activities 2022-2026 and next steps (DOC/COM/15/2026/INF).

15	**Venue and Date of the Next Commission Meeting**	The Commission will agree on the date and venue of its next Annual Meeting, taking into account its 2021 decision concerning the holding of the biennial physical meetings.

16	**Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson**	The Commission will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, each of whom shall serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible for re-election for one additional term, in accordance with the applicable Rules of Procedure. Alphabetical rotation of Contracting Parties: • Angola (2017-2020) • EU (2021, 2022) • Japan (2023-2026) • Korea • Namibia • South Africa

17	**Adoption of the 2026 Commission Report**	The Commission will consider and adopt the report of its 2026 Annual Meeting, including the decisions and recommendations agreed during the meeting.
		DOC/COM/07/2026

18	**Closure of the Meeting**	The Chairperson will close the meeting following the conclusion of all agenda items.