



SOUTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANISATION

Report of the 2012 SEAFO Compliance Committee Meeting

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Report of the 2012 5th Compliance Committee Meeting

Busan, 4th to 5th December

1. Opening of the meeting

- 1-1. The 2012 5th Compliance Committee Meeting was convened at the Lotte Hotel, Busan, South Korea, from 4th to 5th December 2012. The Chairperson, Mr. Bonny Amutse, opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

- 2-1. Mr. J. Y. Lee and Ms. G. A. Lee from South Korea were appointed as rapporteurs.

3. Adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements

- 3-1. The agenda was adopted with the following amendments:
- 3-1.1. Under Agenda Item 13, the Executive Secretary asked to include discussions about a non-Contracting Party asking permission to fish in the Convention Area.
 - 3-1.2. Under Agenda Item 13, EU asked to include discussions regarding Contracting Parties' vessel monitoring.
 - 3-1.3. In regards to Agenda item 10; it was noted that discussions about revising the Conversation Measures 08/06 was already carried out during the Extraordinary Compliance Committee Meeting.

4. Introduction of Parties Delegation

- 4-1. The Chairperson requested the heads of delegations to introduce their delegates. The heads of delegation from each country listed below introduced their delegates (Annex 1):
- 4-1.1. Angola - Mr. Kumbi Kilongo
 - 4-1.2. Japan - Mr. Kenro Iino, Ms. Akiko Onodera, Mr. Hiroshi Matsuura, Mr. Tsunehiko Motooka,
 - 4-1.3. EU - Mr. Orlando Fachada, Mr. Jonathan Lansley
 - 4-1.4. Korea - Mr. Jong Hwa Bang, Mr. Kyujin Seok, Ms. You Jung Kwon, Mr. Joon Young Lee
 - 4-1.5. Norway - Mr. Terje Lobach
 - 4-1.6. South Africa - Ms. Marisa Kashorte, Mr. Xolela Wellem
 - 4-1.7. Namibia – Mr. Titus IiIende, Mr. Stanley Ndara, Ms. Anna Ndinela Erastus, Ms. Graca D'Almeida, Mr. Paul Kainge

5. Introduction of observers

- 5-1. The Chairperson recognized the presence of USA, Ms. Diana Kramer as observer.

6. Executive Secretary's Report on Compliance (CC/03/2012)

- 6-1. The Executive Secretary presented his report on compliance cited in the document DOC/CC/03/2012.

7. Consideration of Executive Secretary's Report on Compliance (CC/03/2012)

- 7-1. After the presentation of the Executive Secretary's report on compliance, the parties discussed and made suggestions.
- 7-1.1 EU had reported to the Executive Secretary that only 2 EU vessels were now authorized to operate in the Convention Area and that the list of authorized vessels on the website still needs to be updated accordingly.
- 7-1.2 The Executive Secretary noted that the Secretariat will shortly circulate a list containing all the reporting requirements of the Contracting Parties.
- 7-1.3 Suggestions regarding improvements to the report were made by parties and were noted by the Executive Secretary.

8. Report of the Extra Ordinary Compliance Committee meeting

- 8-1. The Chairperson of the Committee presented a summary of the Extra Ordinary Compliance Committee meeting.

9. Consideration of the report of the Extra Ordinary Compliance Committee meeting

- 9-1. South Africa suggested to strengthen the reporting of bycatches (both retained and discarded)(Article 10, 1(b), 1(c)(i)). Korea explained that its vessels are experiencing difficulties in accurately identifying miscellaneous small-quantity bycatches that are discarded. Discussions in the margins resulted in an agreement on revised text for Article 10, 1(b) and (c)(i), and an inclusion of a new text (c)(ii) as developed by the EU.
- 9-2. South Africa raised concern on Chapter 5 Article 24 (Applications) South Africa and Namibia raised concerns about possible "loop-holes" if the text remained unchanged. However, Japan explained that due to conflicts with its domestic regulations, Japan is not able to accept the amendment proposal. EU also explained that the current text was the result of last year's extended discussions. It was concluded that the current text remain unchanged. The committee recommended Japan to consider revising its domestic legislation in the future.
- 9-3. South Africa did not agree that Article IV be completely removed from Phase 1 of the Systems report and proposed further discussions. The Committee agreed to further discuss Chapter IV, and included text under Sea Inspections (Article 15) as part of Phase 1. It was agreed that an implementation plan for the Inspection at Sea Program would be further discussed as part of the Phase 2 process during intercessional periods via email, and finalize the draft at the next Extra Ordinary Compliance Committee meeting which will be held prior to the next year's Annual Meeting. Accepted articles will then be inserted into the System adopted this year.
- 9-4. Concerning the inclusion of additional RFMOs to be incorporated in the SEAFO IUU Vessel List, the Republic of Korea was not able to accept the enlargement as previously accepted due to the other RFMO related decisions,

which Korea also previously asked for joint consideration, affecting the matter (Retaining current Article 26 (J)).

- 9-5. An Article on Inspections at Sea and a definition for Patrol Vessel were added to the System's draft and the report of the Extra Ordinary Compliance Committee. The finalized versions of the documents are attached as Annex 2 of this report.

10. Consideration of the revision of the SEAFO IUU Vessel list

- 10-1. One vessel was presumed to have carried out IUU fishing in the Convention Area and a letter had been sent to the flag state; however, no response was received, and the vessel was included in the Provisional IUU List.

11. International MCS network membership

- 11-1. All members agreed to exchange information and work with the MCS network; the decision to be a member is deferred until next year.

12. Recommended additional measures on compliance

- 12-1. There were no recommended additional measures on compliance.

13. Any other Matters: Application to fish and compliance in SEAFO

- 13-1. Regarding granting permission to a non-Contracting Party (St. Vincent and the Grenadines) to fish in the Convention Area, members asked the Executive Secretary to further request the non-Contracting Party to submit information about its monitoring plan and capacity for implementing SEAFO Conservation and Management Measures as well as its fishing plan.
- 13-2. Regarding Contracting Parties' vessel monitoring, EU asked questions to the Republic of Korea regarding ICCAT related Korean vessels in the Convention Area. Korea replied that all vessels in the Convention Area is closely monitored and controlled.
- 13-3. The Executive Secretary confirmed that all Contracting Parties' vessels authorized by SEAFO to fish in the SEAFO area are complying with the SEAFO Conservation and Management Measures.

14. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

- 14-1. Angola will provide a Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson will be decided at a later stage. Other delegations, notably EU, are still to consult their authorities in order to find a suitable candidate for the Vice-Chair. The Committee proposed to adopt a Rotation Rule for the Chairmanship and the Vice-Chairmanship.

15. Adoption of the Report

- 15-1. Following editorial and minor text changes, the report was adopted by the Compliance Committee.

16. Venue and date of next meeting

- 16-1. The venue and date of the next meeting was agreed to be decided at the Commission meeting.

17. Closure of the Meeting

- 17-1. The Chairperson expressed his satisfaction with the work done and thanked all members for their valuable contributions. The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.
- 17-2. The COC expressed its thanks to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for all the hard work in their respective capacities in the last four years.

Annex 1
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