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South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 22nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC) - 2026

CHAIRPERSON: Ms. Larvika SINGH (Rep. South Africa 2025 - 2026)
VICE-CHAIR:(ANGOLA)
VENUE: Swakopmund Hotel & Entertainment Centre
DATE: 23 - 27 November 2026

NR	AGENDA ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	**Opening of Meeting by Chairperson**	The Chairperson will open the meeting and welcome all participants.
2	**Appointment of Rapporteur**	The Chairperson will invite the SC 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 SC will adopt the agenda, and the Executive Secretary will provide information on the practical arrangements for the conduct of the meeting.
	DOC/SC/01/2026; DOC/SC/02/2026	
4	**Introduction and Admission of Observers**	The Executive Secretary will inform the SC of the observers attending the meeting. The SC will consider their admission, as appropriate, following which admitted observers will be invited to introduce themselves.
5	**Introduction of Delegations**	Heads of Delegation will introduce the members of their respective delegations to the SC.
6	**Review of submitted SEAFO Working Documents and any related Presentations, Allocation to the Agenda Items**	The Executive Secretary will present an overview of the working documents and presentations submitted for consideration by the SC. The SC will review the documents and agree on their allocation to the relevant agenda items.
	DOC/SC/00/2026	

7	**Review of 2026 Work Program**	**7.1 Patagonian toothfish CPUE standardization** New information on gear type will be incorporated into the CPUE standardization process for consideration by the 2026 Scientific Committee. The SC will further consider appropriate approaches for combining or integrating the three existing CPUE indices into a single standardized CPUE index, or an alternative suitable approach, for use in developing TAC recommendations. A document was prepared before the meeting (DOC/SC/13/2026/WP). **Contributors:** John, Takehiro, Erich, Roberto and Yonela. **7.2 SEAFO SC Standardized Maps** An update will be provided on progress made in the development of the standardized SEAFO Scientific Committee maps. The SC will consider the further development and finalization of these maps, including the application of appropriate data confidentiality and privacy provisions to maps intended for public dissemination. **Contributor:** Erich. **7.3 Review of Conservation Measure (CM 25/12)** The SC will continue its review of Conservation Measure 25/12, taking into account the discussions held during the intersessional virtual meeting on 13 May 2026. The revised document prepared following the intersessional discussions will provide the basis for further consideration and, where possible, finalization of the proposed amendments. **Contributors:** Roberto, Secretariat and ACAP. (DOC/SC/10/2026/WP) **7.4 Maps to identify VME hotspots** The SC will consider options for the development and inclusion of maps identifying VME hotspots in the Stock Status Reports for relevant SEAFO species, taking into account appropriate data confidentiality considerations. **Contributors:** Takehiro and Erich. **7.5 Further analysis on Patagonian toothfish Tag-and-recapture data** The SC will consider a detailed analysis of the existing Patagonian toothfish tag-and-recapture data. The analysis is intended to inform consideration of whether changes to the current tagging rates applicable within the SEAFO Convention Area are warranted. **Contributors:** Roberto, Takehiro, Erich and John. (DOC/SC/15/2026/WP) **7.6 Review of Harvest Control Rule for Patagonian toothfish & Deep-sea red crab** The SC will continue its review of the Harvest Control Rules for Patagonian toothfish and Deep-sea red crab, considering the further analyses and developments undertaken intersessionally. The SC will consider whether any amendments to the existing Harvest Control Rules are required. **Contributors:** Takehiro, Roberto, Erich, John and Yonela.

8	**Report by the ES presenting Landing Tables updated to end of August 2026**	The Executive Secretary will present updated tables of reported landings, incidental bycatch and discards for the relevant reporting period. The SC will review the information and take note of any matters requiring further consideration.
DOC/SC/03/2026		

9	**Review Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Fishing Activity and Biological Data**	The SC will review the catches and spatial and temporal distribution of fishing activity and biological data reported by fishing vessels for the period 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026. The SC will consider the information and formulate recommendations, as appropriate.
DOC/SC/04/2026		

10	**Review of Stock Status Reports**	The SC will review and update, as necessary, the 2026 Stock Status Reports for: **10.1 Patagonian toothfish (**DOC/SC/05/2026/WP) **10.2 Orange roughy** (DOC/SC/06/2026/WP) **10.3 Deep-sea red crab** (DOC/SC/07/2026/WP) **10.4 Pelagic armourhead/Southern boarfish** (DOC/SC/08/2026/WP) **10.5 Alfonsino** (DOC/SC/09/2026/WP) **10.6 Outstanding historical catches from neighbouring EEZs.** The SC will consider any outstanding historical catches to be added. **10.7 Data confidentiality in Stock Status Reports** The SC will consider the application of the Commission's 2025 guidance on commercial confidentiality to information contained in the SEAFO Stock Status Reports and identify any specific confidentiality matters requiring further guidance from the Commission.

11	**Review Research Activities and Assessments done in the SEAFO Convention Area by Neighboring States and Other Organizations**	The SC will review relevant research activities and assessments undertaken by neighbouring States and other organisations in relation to the SEAFO Convention Area, where such information is available, and consider their relevance to the work of the SC.

12	**Data Requests and Research Proposals**	12.1 The SC will consider a request to share bathymetric data collected under the EAF-Nansen Programme within the SEAFO Convention Area with the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO).
DOC/SC/12/2026		

13	**Review Total Allowable Catches and Related Management Conditions for Patagonian toothfish, Alfonsino, Amourhead, Orange roughy and Deep-sea Red Crab**	The SC will review the available scientific information and formulate recommendations on TACs and related management conditions for Patagonian toothfish, alfonsino, pelagic armourhead, orange roughy and deep-sea red crab for 2027/2028, for submission to the Commission.

14	**Any Other Matters**	**14.1 ACAP Position Statement and Update** The SC will receive an update on the Conservation Status of Albatrosses and Petrels and ACAP Advice on Reducing their Bycatch in SEAFO Fisheries by Dimas Gianuca (DOC/SC/17/2026/INF) (DOC/SC/11/2026/INF) **14.2 High Bycatch of Macrourids in the Autoline Fishery – Consideration of Mitigation Measures** The SC will review available data on macrourid bycatch associated with autoline fishing in the SEAFO Convention Area and consider possible measures to reduce or mitigate such bycatch, including spatial measures, bycatch thresholds, move-on rules and other appropriate measures. *During the Commission meeting of 2025, the Commission supported investigating measures to reduce or mitigate macrourid bycatch at the 2026 Scientific Committee meeting.* **14.3 CORDAP Cartography Project Update** An update will be provided on progress with the CORDAP Cartography Project by the project Manager, Dr Kerry Howel. Students working on the EAF Nansen video data will present their work. The SC will take note of progress and consider any matters requiring further scientific input or follow-up. **14.4 EAF-Nansen Programme - 2027 SEAFO Survey** The SC will receive an update on the EAF-Nansen Programme and discuss details of the proposed SEAFO survey in 2027 by Dr Tina Kutti. **14.5 FAO DSF Project Update** An online presentation by the FAO DSF Project. (DOC/SC/14/2026/INF) (DOC/SC/16/2026/INF)

15	**Collate Advice and Recommendations to the Commission on Issues emanating from the 2026 Meeting.**	The SC will compile the advice and recommendations arising from its deliberations for submission to the Commission for consideration and, where appropriate, adoption.

16	**2027 Work Plan**	The SC will develop and agree on its work plan and scientific priorities for 2027, including any intersessional activities and responsibilities.

17	**Budget for 2027**	The SC will consider the financial requirements associated with the implementation of its 2027 Work Plan and, where necessary, formulate budgetary recommendations for submission to the Commission.

18	**Election of Chair and Vice-chair**	The SC will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Each shall serve for a term of **three years** and shall be eligible for re-election for one additional term, in accordance with the applicable Rules of Procedure. In considering the election, Members will have regard to the established alphabetical rotation among Contracting Parties: • Angola • EU • Japan (2024) • Korea • Namibia (2020,2021, 2022) • South Africa (2023, 2025, 2026)

19	**Date and Venue of Next Meeting**	The SC will consider the proposed date and venue of its 2027 meeting and formulate a recommendation for submission to the Commission.

20	**Adoption of the Report**	The SC will consider and adopt the report of its 2026 meeting, including its advice and recommendations to the Commission.

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