



SOUTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANISATION
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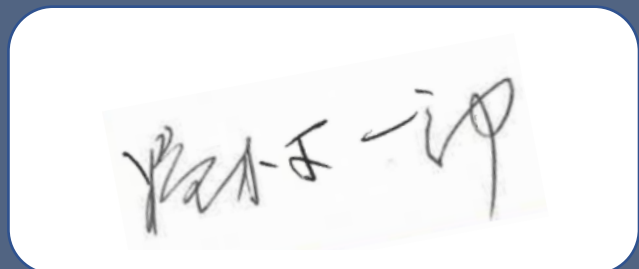
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1. Opening of the meeting

The 15th Annual Meeting of the SEAFO Compliance Committee (CC) was convened on 28 November 2022 at the Hansa Hotel in Swakopmund, Namibia. The Chairperson, Mr Ichiro NOMURA from Japan, opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates.

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

The Secretariat was appointed as rapporteur for the 15th SEAFO CC meeting.

3. Adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements

The agenda ([DOC/CC/01/2022](#)) was reviewed and adopted with no amendments ([Appendix I](#)).

4. Introduction and admission of observers

Mr. Antonio Mansinho from Taiyo Fishing Namibia was attending the meeting as observer.

5. Introduction of Parties Delegations

Delegations introduced their members. Angola was not represented at the meeting. See the delegate list in [Appendix II](#).

6. Executive Secretary's Report on Compliance

The Compliance Review Report was presented by the Executive Secretary (ES) ([DOC/CC/03/2022/Rev1](#)). It was noted that one fishing trip was included which took place in April 2022. There were no additional points to recommend to the Commission. The Compliance table in Appendix I will be updated to include the Item of reporting of lost gear.

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

The CC considered the recommendation from the Scientific committee on lost gear related to Article 8 of the SEAFO System.

ACTION: The CC recommends that the Commission considers the following changes to [Article 8\(b\) and \(d\)](#):

(b) a vessel that has lost or abandoned gear shall make every reasonable attempt **including but not limited to a search and retrieval period of a minimum of 24 hours.**

(d) if the lost gear, **amounting to 10% or more of longline and pot lines or any part of trawling gear,** cannot be retrieved the vessel shall notify the competent authorities of its flag State within 24 hours of the following:

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](#)), which the CC approved and recommended that the Commission accept the SEAFO IUU vessel list for 2023.

ACTION: The CC recommended to the Commission to adopt this provisional SEAFO IUU vessel list presented in DOC/CC/04/2022.

9. Recommendations on Additional Measures of Compliance

No additional recommendations were made by the CC members on measures of Compliance.

10. Any Other Matters

10.1 Advancing RFMO IUU vessel list Utilities

The ES presented the report from the International MCS (IMCS) network (DOC/CC/INF/01/2022) to the meeting for information and discussion.

The CC noted the explanations by the ES and the usefulness of the potential simplification of the way RFMO IUU vessel lists are cross listed and updated on an online shared platform.

The CC will be updated by the ES as more information becomes available on the progress of the project, including the number of RFMO's who engage in the project as well as possible budget implications and timelines.

10.2 Evaluation and strengthening of RFMO compliance processes and performance

The ES presented the report from the Pew Charitable Trusts and the International Seafood sustainability Foundation (ISSF) to the meeting (DOC/CC/INF/02/2022).

The CC took note of the presentation and the approaches that can be used to develop new compliance assessment processes and to guide regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) in evaluating and strengthening existing compliance assessment processes.

11. Venue and date of next meeting

The next Compliance Committee meeting will coincide with the next Commission meeting and will therefore be decided by the Commission.

12. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The term of the current Chair and Vice-Chairperson came to an end and in accordance with the rotational rule, The Republic of Korea and Namibia will take over the Chair and Vice-Chairperson positions respectively for the period from 2023 - 2024.

13. Adoption of the Compliance Committee Report

The meeting reviewed and adopted the Compliance Committee report for 2022 to be presented by the Chair to the Commission.

14. Closure of meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 16:10 on 28th November 2022 and adjourned the meeting in good faith.

APPENDIX I: List of Documents, Agenda and Annotated Agenda

DOC/CC/00/2022



**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 15TH MEETING OF THE 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

Document Ref. Number	Agenda Item	Document Title	Provider	Availability of Document
MEETING DOCUMENTS				
DOC/CC/00/2022	All	List of Documents	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/01/2022	All	Provisional Agenda of the 15 th Annual Meeting of Compliance Committee	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/02/2022	All	Provisional Annotated Agenda of the 15 th Annual Compliance Committee Meeting	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/03/2022	6	Executive Secretary's Report on Compliance for 2022	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/04/2022	7	"SEAFO System of Observation, Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement" 2019	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/05/2022	8	Provisional IUU Vessel List for 2023	Secretariat	Available before meeting
INFORMATION DOCUMENTS				
DOC/CC/INF/01/2022	10	Advancing RFMO IUU vessel list Utilities (The International MCS (IMCS) Network)	Secretariat	Available before meeting
DOC/CC/INF/02/2022	10	Evaluate and Strengthen RFMO Compliance Processes and Performance 2022 Report (The Pew Charitable Trusts, in collaboration with the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF))	Secretariat	Available before meeting

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 15TH 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 KIM (Rep of Korea 2021-2022)**DATE:** 28 November 2022

Item	Agenda Item	Working Document
1	Opening of Meeting by Chairperson	
2	Appointment of Rapporteur	
3	Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Arrangements	DOC/CC/01/2022 DOC/CC/02/2022
4	Introduction and Admission of Observers	
5	Introduction of Delegations	
6	Executive Secretary's report on 2022 Compliance	DOC/CC/03/2022
7	Annual Review of the "SEAFO System of Observation, Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement"	DOC/CC/04/2022
8	Consideration of the Provisional SEAFO's IUU Vessel List for 2023	DOC/CC/05/2022
9	Recommendations on Additional Measures of Compliance	
10	Any Other Matters 10.1 ES to present report on Advancing RFMO IUU vessel list Utilities by the International MCS (IMCS) Network).	DOC/CC/INF/01/2022
	10.2 ES to present report on the evaluation and strengthening of RFMO compliance processes and performance from the Pew Charitable Trusts, in collaboration with the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF).	DOC/CC/INF/02/2022
11	Venue & date of next meeting	
12	Election of Chair and Vice-chair	

DOC/CC/01/2022

13	Adoption of the 2022 Compliance Committee Report	
14	Closure of meeting	

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 15TH 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.

DOC/CC/02/2022

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.

DOC/CC/02/2022

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.

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