

**DRAFT ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN
THE SOUTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANISATION
AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS**

The South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (hereafter SEAFO) and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (hereafter ICCAT);

NOTE that the objective of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Fisheries Resources in the South East Atlantic Ocean (hereafter SEAFO Convention) is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Convention Area;

NOTE FURTHER that the objective of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (hereafter ICCAT Convention) is to maintain the populations of tuna and tuna-like fishes of the Atlantic Ocean at levels which will permit the maximum sustainable catch for food and other purposes;

RECOGNISE that Article 18 of the SEAFO Convention requires SEAFO to cooperate, as appropriate, with other relevant organisations on matters of mutual interest and shall seek to make suitable arrangements for consultation, cooperation and collaboration with such other organisations;

RECOGNISE that in order to carry out the objectives of the ICCAT Convention the Commission shall be responsible for the study of the populations of tuna and tuna-like fishes and such other species of fishes exploited in tuna fishing in the Convention area as are not under investigation by another international fishery organization. Such study shall include research on the abundance, biometry and ecology of the fishes; the oceanography of their environment; and the effects of natural and human factors upon their abundance;

The Commission, in carrying out these responsibilities shall, insofar as feasible, utilise the technical and scientific services of, and information from, official agencies of the Contracting Parties and their political sub-divisions. The Commission may, when desirable, utilise the available services and information of any public or private institution, organization or individual, and may undertake within the limits of its budget independent research to supplement the research work being done by governments, national institutions or other international organizations;

DESIRE to put in place, arrangements and procedures to promote cooperation in order to enhance the conservation and rational use of stocks and species which are within the competence of both Organisations.

THEREFORE, SEAFO and ICCAT record the following arrangements;

1. OBJECTIVE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT

The objective of this Arrangement is to facilitate, where appropriate, cooperation between SEAFO and ICCAT 'the Organisations' with a view to enhancing the conservation and rational use of stocks and species which are of interest to both Organisations.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Organisations will establish and maintain consultation and cooperation in respect of matters of common interest, in particular the Organisations will:

- (i) exchange meeting reports, information, documents and publications regarding matters of mutual interest, consistent with the information sharing policies of each Organisation;
- (ii) exchange data and scientific information in support of the work and objectives of both Organisations, consistent with the information sharing policies of each Organisation including, but not limited to information on:
 - (a) vessels authorised to fish in accordance with the Organisation's conservation measures;

- (b) illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing vessels and IUU Vessel Lists;
- (c) catch, bycatch and vessel information and/or data;
- (iii) cooperate to harmonise approaches in areas of mutual interest and concern, most notably on bycatch of non-target, associated and dependent species (ecologically related species), compliance monitoring and evaluation schemes;
- (iv) where appropriate, collaborate on analyses and research efforts relating to species of mutual interest;
- (v) consider methods of recognising and cooperating with each other's conservation and management measures; and
- (vi) consistent with each Organization's rules of procedure and confidentiality rules, grant permanent reciprocal observer status to representatives of the respective Organisations in relevant meetings of each Organisations.

3. CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

To facilitate effective development, implementation and enhancement of cooperation, the Organisations may establish a consultative process between the two respective Secretariats that includes, telephone, email and similar means of communications.

The consultative process may also proceed in the margins of meetings at which both Organisations' Secretariats are represented by appropriate staff.

4. MODIFICATION

This Arrangement may be modified at any time by the mutual written consent of both Organisations.

5. LEGAL STATUS

This Arrangement does not create legally binding rights or obligations.

This Arrangement does not alter the obligations of members of either Organisation to comply with the management and conservation measures of those bodies.

6. OTHERS

This Arrangement will commence on the date of signature.

Either Organisation may terminate this Arrangement by giving six months' prior written notice to the other Organisation.

This Arrangement will continue to operate until terminated by either.

7. SIGNATURE

Signed at.....thisday of20

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Mr. Venancio Gomes (Angola), Chair SEAFO

Signed at.....thisday of20

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Mr. Raúl Delgado (Panama), Chair ICCAT