

Benguela Current Forage Fish Workshop

2 - 4 November 2020 – Online via GoToMeeting

Doc: BCFF 1 rev. 1
Date: 27 October 2020

Annotated Agenda

- Host:** South African Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF)
- Venue:** This workshop will take place online from Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th November 2020 via GoToMeeting (confirmed participants will be provided with the meeting link in advance including guidance on how to join etc.).
- In collaboration with:** The Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (UNEP/AEWA Secretariat), the Benguela Current Convention (BCC) and BirdLife South Africa (BLSA); with funding provided by the Government of the United Kingdom through its Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).
- Workshop aim:** To develop and agree on a set of recommendations for the management of the Benguela Current's forage fish resources and their fisheries so as to ensure their long-term sustainable use as a critical food resource for seabirds.
- Expected output:** Report to the Benguela Current Commission containing the workshop's proceedings and recommendations.
- Workshop language and facilitation:** Workshop documents will be provided in English and the workshop language will be English. The workshop will be chaired by the host government South Africa. Additional facilitation will be provided by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat.
- Workshop time:** Please note that timings in the agenda below are in GMT+2 which is the local time in South Africa.

MONDAY 2 nd NOVEMBER 2020				
Time GMT +2	Agenda item	Document / format	Lead	Expected outcome
Registration and opening session				
9:30	Online check-in to the workshop	-	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat	Participants are kindly requested to log in to the workshop well in advance to allow for testing sound and audio.
10:00	Welcome and opening	-	DEFF, BCC, BLSA, UNEP/AEWA Secretariat	-
10:10	Presentation of Chair	-	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat	-
10:15	Adoption of agenda	Docs: BCFF 1 rev. 1; BCFF Inf. 2 & 3	Chair, UNEP/AEWA Secretariat	Main agenda points briefly presented. Adoption of agenda and requests for Any Other Business noted. Participants provided with quick Go-To-Meeting Guidance

MONDAY 2 nd NOVEMBER 2020 (continued)				
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10:20	Objective of workshop	Presentation and discussion	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, DEFF	Objective of workshop presented
10:30	Round table introduction of participants	Doc: BCFF Inf. 4	Chair	Virtual meet and greet
Background information				
10:45	A North Sea case study: Response of seabirds to a fluctuating forage fish stock	Doc: BCFF Inf. 6 Presentation and discussion	RW Furness	Participants provided with an overview
11:00	Overview of forage resources of importance to the Benguela's seabirds: species, distributions, abundances, management	Presentation and discussion	CD van der Lingen	Participants provided with an overview
11:30	Coffee/tea break			
12:00	Overview of the Benguela's seabirds: species, distributions, abundances, diets, conservation status: Angola, Namibia, South Africa	Doc: BCFF Inf. 7 Presentation and discussion	Angola (<i>tbc</i>); Namibia (J Kemper); South Africa (AB Makhado)	Participants provided with an overview of the situation in each country
12:40	Drivers of the Benguela's seabird populations: insights from system models	Presentation and discussion	LJ Waller, LJ Shannon	Participants provided with an overview
13:10	Influence of variable stock levels on the food consumption of seabirds and implications for management	Doc: BCFF Inf. 8 Presentation and discussion	C Saraux	Participants provided with an overview
13:30	Lunch break			
14:15	Ecosystem thresholds	Doc: BCFF Inf. 9 Presentation and discussion	RJM Crawford, LJ Shannon	Participants provided with an overview
14:45	Food limitation and minimum viable populations	Doc: BCFF Inf. 10 Presentation and discussion	RJM Crawford	Participants provided with an overview
15:15	A Pacific case study: Ecosystem management of forage resources in the California system	Presentation	J Thayer, WJ Sydeman	Participants provided with an overview (pre-recorded talk)
15:45	Workshop wrap up of Day 1		Chair	
15:50	Close of Day 1; announcements for Day 2		Chair	

TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2020

Time GMT +2	Agenda item	Document / format	Lead	Expected outcome
Means to Mitigate Limitation of Food for Seabirds in the Benguela System				
9:30	Online check-in to the workshop	-	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat	Participants are kindly requested to log in to the workshop well in advance to allow for testing sound and audio.
10:00	Opening of Day 2	-	Chair	-
10:05	Implementation and benefits of Namibian Islands' Marine Protected Area and sardine fishery closure	Presentation and discussion	D Tom & M Kalola (<i>tbc</i>)	Participants provided with an overview
10:30	Outcomes of South African experimental fishery closures on marine predator demographics	Presentation and discussion	L Pichegru	Participants provided with an overview
11:00	Economic considerations for fisheries	Presentation and discussion	J Coetzee	Participants provided with an overview
11:30	Coffee/tea break			
12:00	Economic considerations for seabirds and ecosystem considerations	Doc: BCFF Inf. 11 Presentation and discussion	AM McInnes, RJM Crawford, AB Makhado	Participants provided with an overview
12:30	Actions foreseen in relevant species action plans: AEWA Multi-species Action Plan; African Penguin Biodiversity Management Plan	Doc: BCFF Inf. 5 Presentation	C Hagen, M Makoala	Participants provided with an overview
Plenary discussion - DRAFT Recommendations				
13:00	Introduction to development of draft recommendations to BCC based on conservation challenges and options identified	Presentation and discussion	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat	Basis for plenary discussion presented
13:30	Lunch break			
14:15	Discussion on draft recommendations	Facilitated brainstorming session	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat; ALL	Initial reactions to draft proposal gathered
15:25	Workshop wrap up of Day 2	-	Chair	-
15:30	Close of Day 2; announcements for Day 3	-	Chair	-

WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2020

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Plenary discussion – DRAFT Recommendations continued				
11:30	Online check-in to the workshop	-	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat	Participants are kindly requested to log in to the workshop well in advance to allow for testing sound and audio.
12:00	Opening of Day 3		Chair	
12:05	Discussion on draft proposal	Facilitated discussion	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, ALL	Discussion continued - including possible revisions from previous day
13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>			
14:15	Summary presentation of agreed recommendations	Presentation and adoption	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat	Participants provided with a summary of the agreed recommendations, followed by adoption
15:00	Any other business		Chair	
15:15	Wrap up of workshop		Chair, UNEP/AEWA Secretariat	
15:30	Closure of workshop		Chair	