

**CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION
OF THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE
SOUTHEAST ATLANTIC**

PREAMBLE

The Governments of the States parties to this Convention, considering their mutual interest in the living resources of the Southeast Atlantic and desiring to cooperate in the conservation and rational exploitation of these resources, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The area to which this Convention shall apply, hereinafter referred to as the "Convention Area," shall be all waters bounded by a Line drawn as follows:

Beginning at a point at 6°04'36" South latitude and 12°19'48" East longitude, thence in a northwesterly direction along a rhumb line to the point at the intersection of the meridian 12° East with the parallel 6° South, thence due west along this parallel to the meridian 20° West, thence due south along this meridian to the parallel 50° South, thence due east along this parallel to the meridian 40° East, thence due north along this meridian to the coast of the African continent, thence in a westerly direction along this coast to the original point of departure.

2. The eastern boundary at the meridian 40° East shall be reviewed if a convention for the conservation of the living resources of the sea is established applying to an area immediately adjacent to that boundary.

ARTICLE II

Nothing in this Convention shall be considered as affecting the rights, claims or views of any Contracting Party in regard to the limits of the territorial sea or to the extent of jurisdiction over fisheries under international law.

ARTICLE III

This Convention shall apply to all fish and other living resources in the Convention Area, with the exception of any such resources as may be excluded pursuant to arrangements or agreements entered into by the Commission in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article XI of this Convention.

»
ARTICLE IV

The Contracting Parties hereby agree to establish and to maintain a Commission to be known as the International Commission for the Southeast Atlantic Fisheries, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," which shall carry out the functions set forth in this Convention.

ARTICLE V

1. The Commission shall hold a regular session at least once every two years. A special session shall be called at any time at the request of one Contracting Party provided that such request is supported by at least three other Contracting Parties.
2. Each of the Contracting Parties shall be represented on the Commission by not more than three Commissioners who may be accompanied by experts and advisers.

3. Each Contracting Party shall have one vote in the Commission. Except as may be otherwise provided in this Convention, decisions of the Commission shall be taken by a majority of two thirds of the Contracting Parties present and voting. Two thirds of the Contracting Parties shall constitute a quorum.

4. At each regular session the Commission shall elect from among the Commissioners the following officers: a Chairman, a First Vice-Chairman and a Second Vice-Chairman. These officers shall remain in office until the election of their successors at the next regular session and shall not be eligible to serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same office. A Commissioner, when acting as Chairman, shall not vote.

5. The working languages of the Commission shall be English, French and Spanish.

6. The Commission shall adopt such rules of procedure and other internal administrative regulations as are necessary to carry out its functions. The rules of procedure of subsidiary bodies established by the Commission under Article VII may be adopted by such subsidiary bodies, but shall only enter into force upon approval by the Commission.

ARTICLE VI

1. In order to achieve the objectives set out in this Convention, the Commission shall be responsible for the study of all fish and other living resources in the Convention Area. Such study shall include research on the abundance, life history, biometry and ecology of these resources; and the study of their environment. In undertaking the study of these matters, the Commission shall collect, analyse, publish and disseminate, by all appropriate means, statistical, biological and other scientific information on the said resources.

2. The Commission, in carrying out its responsibilities shall, insofar as feasible, utilize the technical and scientific services of, and information from, official agencies of the Contracting Parties. The Commission may, when necessary, utilize other services and information, and may also undertake, within the limits of its supplementary budget, independent research to supplement the research being done by governments, national institutions or other international organizations.

3. The Contracting Parties shall furnish, on the request of the Commission, any available statistical and other data and information the Commission may need for the purposes of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII

1. The Commission may establish a Regional Committee for each of the regions into which the Convention Area may be divided on an ecological basis, and a Stock Committee with respect to any stock to be found in the Convention Area. The Commission may also establish a Scientific Advisory Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Council." The Commission may establish such other subsidiary bodies as are necessary for the performance of its functions,