
CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES IN THE SOUTH EAST ATLANTIC OCEAN

The Convention on the Conservation and Management of Fisheries Resources in the South East Atlantic Ocean (SEAFO) was adopted on 20 April 2001, in Windhoek, Namibia, by the Conference on the South East Atlantic Fisheries Organization. The Convention was signed that same date by the States and the regional economic integration organization listed below.

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 25, the Convention shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the States and regional economic integration organizations participating in the aforementioned Conference and by all States and regional economic integration organizations whose vessels fish, or have fished in the Convention Area, for fishery resources covered by the Convention, in the four years preceding the adoption of the Convention.

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 26, the Convention shall be open for accession by coastal states and by all other States and regional economic integration organisations whose vessels fish in the Convention Area for fishery resources covered by the Convention.

Article 27 provides that the Convention shall enter into force 60 days after the date of deposit with the Depositary of the third instrument of ratification, accession, acceptance or approval at least one of which has been deposited by a coastal State. In accordance with this provision, the Convention entered into force on **13 April 2003**. The Convention was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 1 August 2003 under No. 39489.

For each State or regional economic integration organization which, subsequent to the date of entry into force of the Convention, deposits and instrument of ratification or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following such deposit.

Participants

The following States and regional economic integration organization have signed or deposited instruments on the corresponding date indicated:

Participant	Signature	Ratification	Approval	Accession
Angola	20 Apr 2001	7 Mar 2006		
European Union, Member Organization	20 Apr 2001		8 Aug 2002	
Iceland	20 Apr 2001			
Japan				10 Jan 2010
Korea, Republic of	20 Apr 2001	10 Mar 2011		
Namibia	20 Apr 2001	26 Feb 2002		
Norway	20 Apr 2001	12 Feb 2003		
South Africa	20 Apr 2001	18 Jun 2008		
United Kingdom ¹	20 Apr 2001			

¹ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect of St. Helena and its dependencies.

United States of America	20 Apr 2001			
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