

EAF Institutional Arrangements – Final Report

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The final report, prepared by Professor Bjorn Herzoug and based on a general report, country reports and workshop, summarizes the main findings and recommendations of the consultancy on how to improve the institutional arrangements in order to implement an ecosystem approach to fisheries management (EAF) in the Benguela Current Commission countries, i.e. Angola, Namibia and South Africa. It deals with seven specific proposals: The setting up of separate management units, training and how and where it should be focused, the set-up of permanent management committees (MACs), a review of relevant legislation, the need to draft an “Oceans Policy, the future role of the BCC and the issue of shared stocks, and the establishment of a separate fisheries management authority in the countries. The status of each country with regard to these issues is discussed and recommendations of the workshop and the consultant presented. Most importantly, it is argued that the BCC should have decision-making powers with regard to shared stocks, along the lines of the Norwegian-Russian Fisheries Commission.