

Sustainable Eel Group, ASBL

Annual General Meeting

18 April 2023

12.00 – 13.00 CET (11.00 – 12.00 UK)

By Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144446828>



Agenda

•Introductions, apologies and meeting etiquette

Andrew Kerr

•Minutes of last meeting

Andrew Kerr

•Chairman's Report

1.Impacts Report

Andrew Kerr

2.SEG Standard and ISEAL

David Bunt

3.Some Eel Related Events for 2023

Andrew Kerr

4.SEG's Position Amongst Many Societal Parties

Willem Dekker

5.WIEA European Swimways project

Heather Bond












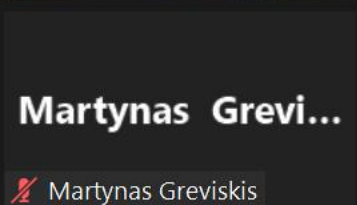
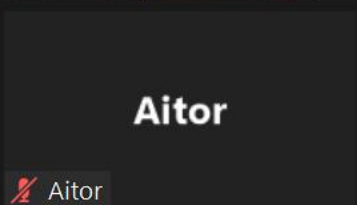






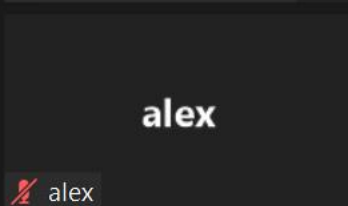
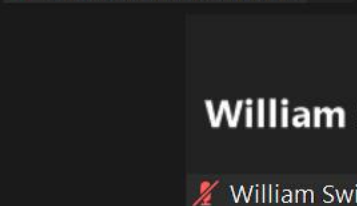
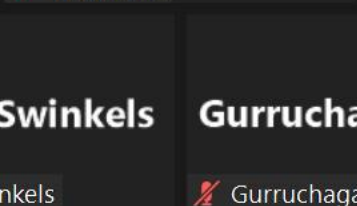
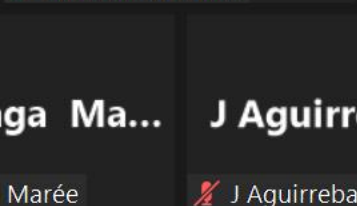

Emma Cordier

•Financial Report

Alexander Wever

•Any other business

Andrew Kerr

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Participants 24



Chat 1



Share Screen



Pause/Stop Recording



Reactions



Apps



Whiteboards

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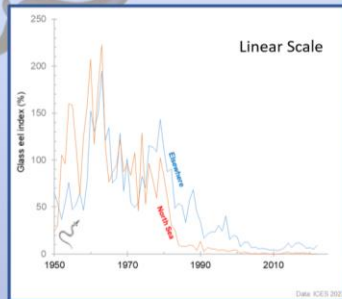
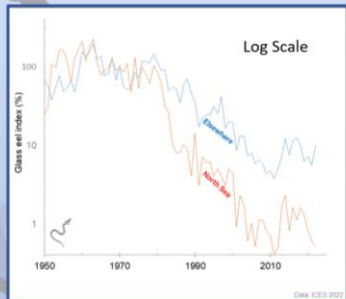




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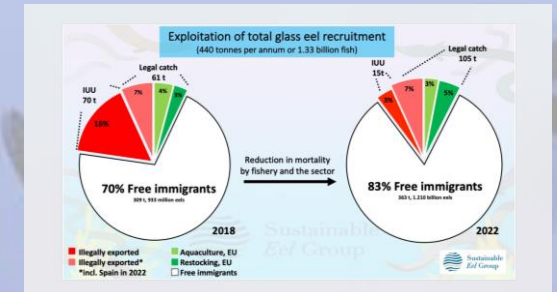
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Governments and NGO's are struggling to adapt to meet the challenges of eel recovery



The SEG Platform of INFLUENCE

SEG Directional Objectives 2020 -25

AIM *SEG as the leading, the most authoritative and the most influential voice on Eel (AA) whilst not becoming a bureaucracy – ‘the small and agile strategy’.*

1. Leadership and Advocacy:

- 1.1. To encourage the better implementation of the Eel Regulation both within and beyond EU
- 1.2. To promote and facilitate the counter trafficking agenda
- 1.3. To support other NGO's on river and wetland restoration
- 1.4. To add a SEG perspective to ICES, CMS and CITES

2. SEG Standard:

- 2.1. To achieve ISEAL Code Compliance soonest (Community Member Aug 2019)
- 2.2. To contract and delegate Standard Assessment and Admin via the CAB model: 2021 - 2022
- 2.3. To make certification conditional on 100% use of SEG caught glass eel: 2022 – 2023
- 2.4. To gradually expand the supply chain to embrace yellow and silver fisheries

3. Sustainability Impact:

- 3.1. To report annually on progress made increasing eel protection via sustainability

4. A Multi Decade Approach:

- 4.1. To promote a longer term perspective on eel its history, cultures and trends

Eel Specifically

EU-COM following December 2022
Council of Fisheries Ministers

The Commission calls on Member States to:

*By the end of **June 2024**, improve the protection of the European eel by adopting or updating existing **Eel Management Plans** under the Eel Regulation (38), in the light of new knowledge and on the basis of the report referred to in Article 9 of the Eel Regulation, in order to strengthen conservation and management measures. These eel management plans should address:*

*i) **the impact of fisheries** (both commercial and recreational and at all stages of the species' life-cycle) and,*

*ii) **non-fisheries-related impacts** by implementing the related legislation, such as the Water Framework Directive (39), the Habitats Directive (40) and the MSFD.*

The plans should include efforts to restore eel habitats, improve the connectivity of rivers and address barriers to migration, and should improve transboundary cooperation

CFP Generally

*To support Member States with the implementation of the action plan and ensure coherence and effectiveness, **the Commission will create a new joint special group for Member States, with stakeholders as observers.** The aim will be to facilitate knowledge sharing and discussions between fisheries and environmental communities, as well as to give the Member States' **a platform for transparency and dialogue on the implementation of their roadmaps.** The Commission will also continue to encourage other EU institutions and national authorities to increase transparency and cooperation between fisheries and environmental parties and experts.*



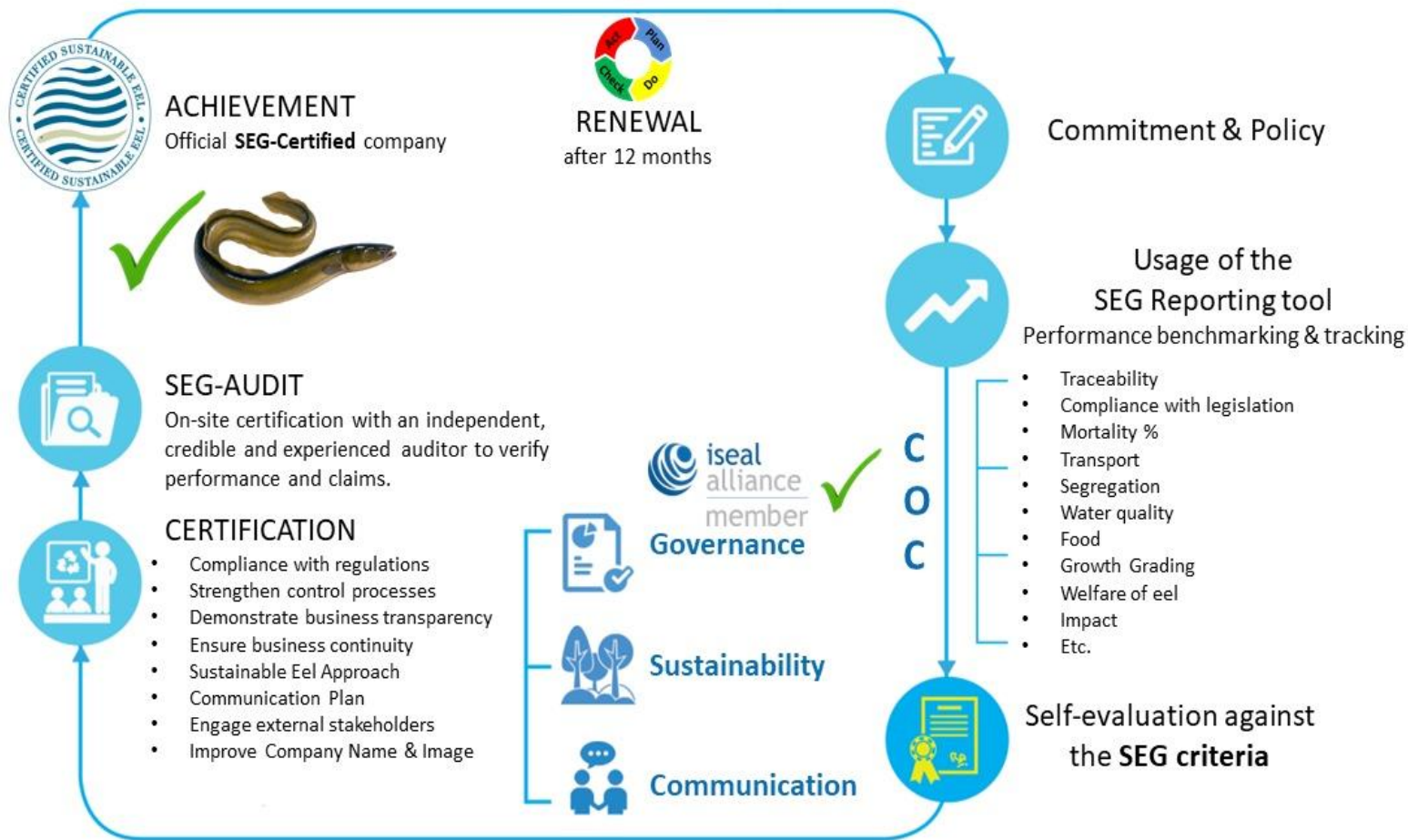
Leading Journey to
**ISEAL Code
Compliance**

Huge Stakeholder Consultation
process is underway leading to
new Standard V7 –during 2023

“A Fundamental Shield for the reformed sector”

BEGINNING OF
THE JOURNEY

Register as
SEG-Participant



The ISEAL Code Compliant Model

SEG Standard Owner and Setter. ISEAL Code Compliant

CAB - Independent Role and Certifier

Independent qualified Auditors to **verify** performance and claims

Full Self Evaluation before Audit

CAB Conformity Assessment Body

The SEG Standard with fully traceable Supply Chain has impact

Influence building –
the SEG Platform

2021

First
Certificates
Spain 2022

UK Certificates
expired in 2022

88% of French
Fishery Certified

3/4 of
French
GE Fishermen
certified

France 400 Fishermen
UK all 300 part time

21 million Glass Eel 2018
32 million Glass Eel in 2019
33 million Glass Eel in 2020
64 million Glass Eel in 2021

110 million for 2022 eel
farming and restocking

Growing Impact of SEG Standard in building a fully traceable supply chain

18 farms certified
90% in NL, DE, FR and SW

75% of
farms in
Europe

17 Retailers / Smokehouses Certified
in NL and Germany

75%
certified
in NL &
DE

France Glass Eel
Total Catch

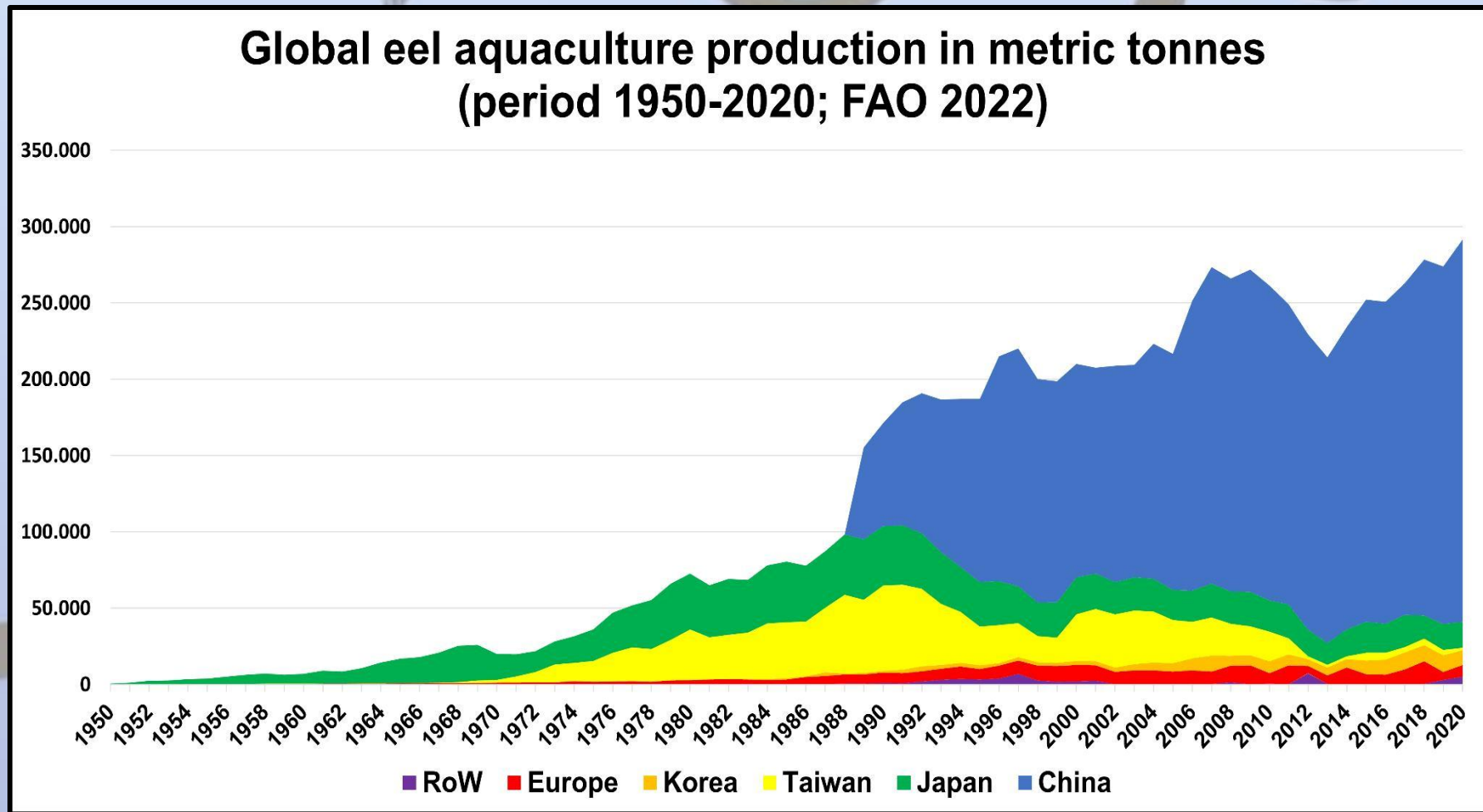
2022 55.6 Tons

2023 49.6 Tons

Quota was down
from 65 tons to
58.75

The Reinvention is taking place - the sector takes on the
“Stewardship Role”

This situation led to CITES Listing 2007



“Europe is a small player in Global Eel Aquaculture”

about 534,000
square meters

Eel farm Guangzhuang county, Fujian province



Trafficking Updates 2022

SEPRONA / EUROPOL

18th April 2018
MADRID

100 tons / 300 + million Glass Eels a year



Trafficking
expected to
grow in
2022

Reported Seizures

16 million	2016 - 17
17 million	2017 - 18
15 million	2018 - 19
10 million	2019 - 20
1.38 million	2020 - 21



Eel trafficking
influenced by
the COVID-19
pandemic

Reported Arrests

48	2016 - 17
98	2017 - 18
154	2018 - 19
108	2019 - 20
52	2020 - 21



85%
Reduction
since 2016*

Operation Lake V

Update 19 Nov 2021

58 000+ inspections across Europe
Seizures including: 387 kg of glass eels and
25 kg of adult eels valued at about EUR
1.241 million

<https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/eels-shipped-air-found-in-operation-lake-v>

Working to SEG Standard / Supply Chain and effective counter trafficking save 100s of millions of glass eels annually



“improved eel husbandry”

40% of 60 ton or 200m quota
70 to 80 million Glass Eels saved



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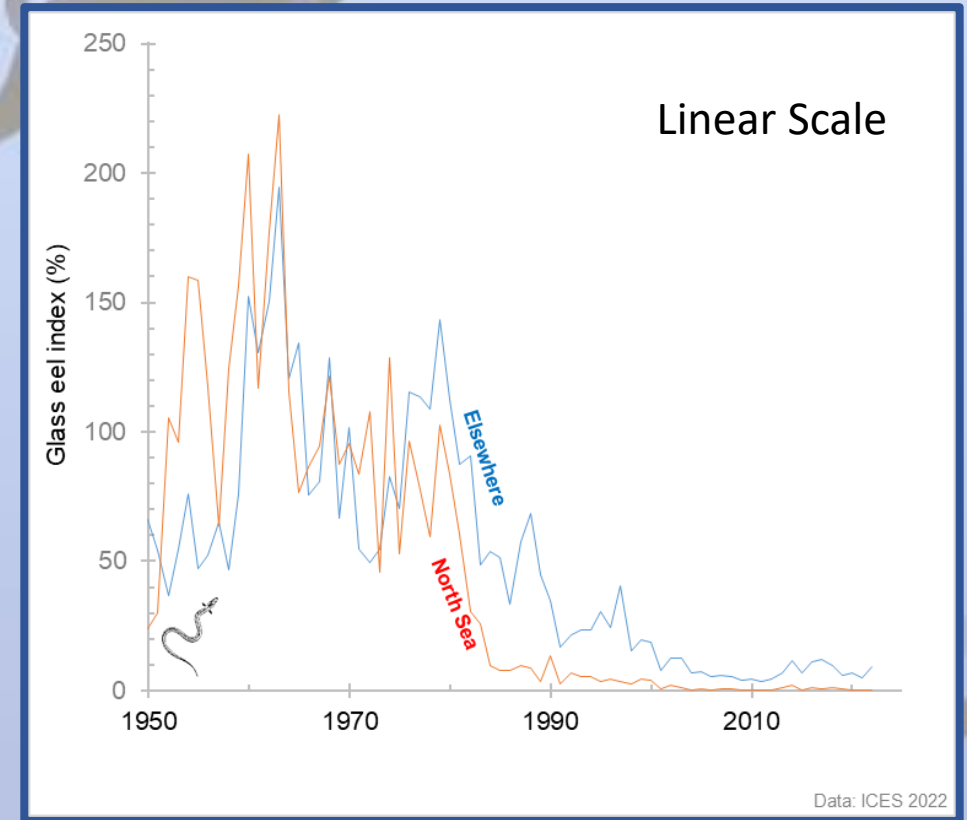
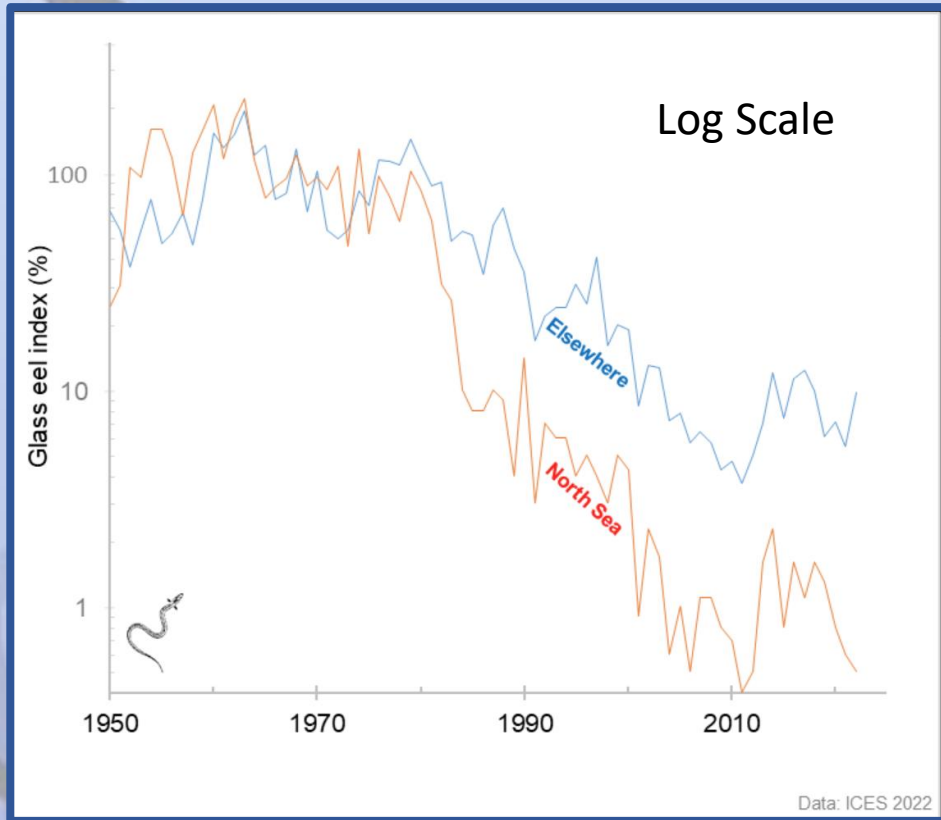
“Less eels trafficked”

TOTAL ANNUAL
SAVING over

300 +
million Glass Eels

100 tons pa 300 to 350 million Trafficked
Reduced to 15-25% is about 250m saved

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Eel a POLITICAL issue



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Grand Strategy

Strategy

Major Tactics

Minor Tactics

Defend and Enable the Eel Regulation

Code Compliance

Embrace ISEAL

Build
Standard

Create SEG

2010

2020

2025

2030

SEG JOURNEY – asymmetric facilitation and networking

INFLUENCE+ IMPACT

MONTH	EVENT	SEG Programme
Jan		
Feb		Consult on SEG V6
March		Seek Comments on Assurance System
April	SEG AGM	
May	PECH Committee Reviews Eel File 'holistic approach'	Publish 1 st Draft SEG Std V7 for consultation
June		Publish Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning System Draft 1
July		Publish Risk Management Draft 1 for consultation Publish Document Management System Draft 1 for consultation
Aug		
Sept	WGEEL meets 1-16 and 25-2 Oct	Publish Std 7 draft 2 consultation
Oct	ACOM Annual Report CMS Reports	
Nov	PECH Report	Code Compliance submission to ISEAL
Dec	Annual Council of Minsters	Publish SEG Standard V7