

## **RESOLUTION 26/XXVI**

### **International Polar Year/Census of Antarctic Marine Life**

The Commission,

Recognising that the International Polar Year is a large scientific program focused on the Arctic and Antarctic from March 2007 to March 2009,

Acknowledging that the International Polar Year involves over 60 States and 200 scientific projects, including the Census of Antarctic Marine Life (CAML),

Noting that CAML will investigate the distribution and abundance of Antarctica's vast marine biodiversity to develop a benchmark for the benefit of humankind,

Recalling the Edinburgh Antarctic Declaration on the International Polar Year from the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting XXIX that gives political support to the International Polar Year,

Further recognising that the Commission, at its Twenty-fifth meeting, urged all Members to contribute to CCAMLR International Polar Year projects,

Noting Article IX of the Convention setting out the Commission's functions, including to 'facilitate research into and comprehensive studies of Antarctic marine living resources and of the Antarctic marine ecosystem',

1. Welcomes the notifications received from Contracting Parties of proposed International Polar Year/Census of Antarctic Marine Life research activities to be undertaken in the CCAMLR Convention Area.
2. Expresses its appreciation to those Contracting Parties who have committed to participate in International Polar Year activities in the CCAMLR Convention Area and to further extend knowledge of the marine living resources in the Antarctic marine ecosystem.
3. Encourages all Contracting Parties to support and where possible contribute to the International Polar Year, including through the Census of Antarctic Marine Life.