

OTHER BUSINESS

Competency of Fishing by Members of the European Community

17.1 The European Community reminded the Commission that its Members have transferred to the Community full competence with regard to fishing and that the Community is obliged to regulate the internal and external fishing activities of its Member States. Consequently, the European Community requested that, in addition to the requirements under the Rules of Procedure, any communications with regard to fishing matters in respect of its Member States should be sent to the Community. Australia and other Members noted that this suggestion was contrary to Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure which required all communications to be sent to all Members. The Executive Secretary pointed out that this procedure was followed at present, and would continue to be done under the existing and binding Rules of Procedure. He further noted that for some matters of extreme urgency, such as the five-day reporting requirements, expediency was paramount and communications directly with Member States directly involved in the fisheries, as well as the Community itself, were needed when the actual closing of fisheries was in question.

Scientific Acknowledgement

17.2 Japan reported to the Commission on the success of a program for breeding Antarctic krill in an artificial Antarctic environment in Japan. For the first time, Japan has been hatching krill since 14 October 2000 at the Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium. The Commission congratulated Japan on this scientific achievement.

Twentieth Meeting of CCAMLR

17.3 The Chair of the Scientific Committee brought to the attention of the Commission the Committee's proposals to celebrate the Twentieth Meeting of CCAMLR (SC-CAMLR-XIX, paragraph 18.1). The Commission acknowledged, in particular, the suggestion for Members to arrange for the issue of commemorative stamps.

17.4 The Commission requested the Secretariat to consider the suggestions for commemoration at next year's meeting and to inform Members intersessionally of its recommendations.

17.5 Australia advised that an exhibition of CCAMLR scientific research would be held at the Australian Antarctic Division during next year's meeting and invited Members to provide their own exhibits for inclusion in it.

17.6 Chile agreed to prepare, and circulate to all Members by April 2001, a draft text of the Declaration, which could be used by Members as a basis for national publicity campaigns to promote the work of CCAMLR. This would be in the form of a declaration at high political level which would be submitted to CCAMLR-XX for approval.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

18.1 The Report of the Nineteenth Meeting was adopted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

19.1 The Chair expressed his sincere appreciation to the Commission for the privilege of chairing its meetings over the past two year. This period had seen important developments within CCAMLR, and Dr Muthunayagam looked forward to further participation in CCAMLR activities. Dr Muthunayagam also welcomed Italy as it stepped into the Chair in 2001 and 2002.

19.2 Dr Press, on behalf of the Commission, thanked Dr Muthunayagam for his leadership and contribution to the Commission over the term of his chair. The Commission also thanked Dr Miller, outgoing Chair of the Scientific Committee, for his significant contribution to the work and future direction of CCAMLR. Finally, the Commission thanked Dr D. Agnew (UK) for chairing the conservation measures drafting group, Mrs Martí for chairing SCAF, and Ms Wong for chairing SCOI; all had done a great job in leading the discussions and bringing the meeting to a successful close.

19.3 Mr N. Verola (Italy), on behalf of the incoming Chair, expressed his gratitude for the work of the outgoing Chair.

19.4 Dr R. Arnaudo (USA), on behalf of the Commission, thanked the Executive Secretary, his dedicated staff, and the interpreters, for the excellent support provided to the meeting; this had been greatly appreciated.

19.5 The Chair closed the meeting. The Executive Secretary presented Dr Muthunayagam with a CCAMLR gavel.
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