

OBSERVATION AND INSPECTION

Operation of the System of Inspection and Compliance with Conservation Measures

8.1 The Chair of SCOI reported that in 2000/01 there were 56 CCAMLR inspectors designated by Argentina, Australia, Chile, New Zealand, UK and the USA. CCAMLR inspectors were deployed mainly in Subareas 48.3 and 88.1.

8.2 Eight inspection reports were received from CCAMLR inspectors designated by the UK. All inspections took place in Subarea 48.3. In general, all inspections indicated compliance with conservation measures in force, except that the presence of packaging bands was reported from two vessels in contravention of Conservation Measure 63/XV. Comments of Flag States were received from Russia and Chile (Annex 5, paragraphs 3.2 to 3.4).

8.3 The Commission requested that the Secretariat keep track of all reports received from Flag States on steps taken to investigate and, if necessary, prosecute and impose sanctions with respect to violation of conservation measures by their flag vessels as reported by CCAMLR inspectors (Annex 5, paragraph 3.11).

8.4 This year, reports had been received from Australia, Chile and South Africa (Annex 5, paragraphs 3.6 to 3.9).

8.5 The Commission decided that the inspection report form should be revised by the Secretariat as proposed by SCOI and printed and circulated to Members (Annex 5, paragraph 3.12).

8.6 The Commission considered the advice of SCOI and adopted the revised Conservation Measures 119/XVII and 148/XVII as Conservation Measures 119/XX and 148/XX.

8.7 The Commission noted that SCOI discussed a proposal put forward by the USA on the effective date of CCAMLR conservation measures as defined in Article IX.6 of the Convention. The Commission discussed the proposal further and adopted Conservation Measure 217/XX.

Implementation of Conservation Measures

8.8 As required, SCOI considered information compiled by the Secretariat on the implementation of conservation measures, both fisheries and enforcement related (Annex 5, paragraphs 3.17 to 3.27).

8.9 In particular, SCOI discussed compliance with Conservation Measure 29/XIX (Minimisation of the Incidental Mortality of Seabirds in the Course of Longline Fishing

or Longline Fisheries Research in the Convention Area) and noted that, while there had not been full compliance with all elements of the conservation measure, there had been substantial improvement compared with previous seasons.

8.10 The Commission also received advice from the Scientific Committee relating to compliance with Conservation Measure 29/XIX. The advice was based on the analysis of factual data collected and reported by international scientific observers. It was reported that full compliance with Conservation Measure 29/XIX was reported from Subarea 88.1 and that seabird by-catch levels in Subarea 48.3 were negligible for the second successive season. However, for Subarea 48.3 full compliance was not achieved and it was not possible to recommend an extension of the fishing season for 2001/02. It was noted that full compliance could be reached with relatively small improvements to operation practices (SC-CAMLR-XX, paragraphs 4.37 to 4.47).

8.11 The Commission urged Members to take all possible steps in order to provide for their vessels to fully comply with all elements of the Conservation Measure 29/XIX (see also paragraphs 6.14 to 6.23).

Implementation of the Scheme of International Scientific Observation

8.12 The Chair of the Scientific Committee advised that in 2000/01 there were 60 fishing trips in the Convention Area observed by CCAMLR-designated international scientific observers from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, France, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine, UK and Uruguay. Scientific observers provided 100% coverage of all trips undertaken in CCAMLR fisheries targeting mackerel icefish, toothfish and squid as well as partial coverage of the fisheries of krill (SC-CAMLR-XX, paragraph 3.1).

8.13 All but four of the observer logbooks, and all but five observers' cruise reports, had been submitted before the start of the meeting of WG-FSA. Members are taking steps to ensure that the remaining observer documents are submitted to the Secretariat after the meeting.

8.14 The Commission noted the advice received from the Scientific Committee and joined the Committee in thanking all scientific observers for their work and for the great deal of very useful information and material collected.

Review of SCOI Working Arrangements

8.15 The Commission's attention was drawn to a proposal by the European Community to review the working arrangements of SCOI (Annex 5, paragraphs 5.1 to 5.4 and 8.1(vi)(a)). The Commission noted the recommendation of SCOI that the proposal be considered intersessionally and that Members were requested to submit any comments

directly to the European Community. The Commission also noted that SCOI had recommended that the matter be considered as a priority at next year's meeting of SCOI.

8.16 However, during the meeting the Commission established a task group convened by the European Community in order to consider the proposal further. The group drafted terms of reference for a new 'Standing Committee on Implementation and Compliance (SCIC)' and also made suggestions for the organisation of its work (Annex 8).