

## ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

### Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 The Provisional Agenda (CCAMLR-XXI/1) which had been distributed prior to the meeting was adopted without amendment; the agenda is given in Annex 3.

2.2 The Chair referred Agenda Items 3 and 15 to the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF), and Agenda Items 5 and 8 to the Standing Committee on Observation and Inspection (SCOI). The reports of SCAF and SCOI are given in Annexes 4 and 5 respectively.

### Report of the Chair

2.3 The Chair reported on intersessional activities. He informed the meeting that there had been no change in CCAMLR's membership. He also reported that the Commission had not experienced the budgetary problems of recent years; this being largely attributable to the improving exchange rate of the Australian dollar against the US dollar.

2.4 Two Scientific Committee working groups had met during the intersessional period; details of these meetings are elaborated under Agenda Item 4.

2.5 For the 2001/02 season 29 inspectors had been designated, in accordance with the CCAMLR System of Inspection, by Australia, Chile, New Zealand and the UK. Six reports were received from CCAMLR-designated inspectors, all from the UK.

2.6 Under the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, observers were on board all vessels fishing for toothfish, icefish or crab. A number of observers were also deployed on vessels fishing for krill.

2.7 During the 2001/02 season CCAMLR Members had actively participated in eight fisheries in the Convention Area. Vessels fishing in fisheries managed under conservation measures in force in 2001/02 had reported by 18 October 2002 a total of 118 705 tonnes of krill, 8 908 tonnes of toothfish, 3 620 tonnes of icefish and 113 tonnes of crab; other species were taken as by-catch. In addition, fishing took place inside the South African Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in Subareas 58.6 and 58.7, and inside the French EEZ in Division 58.5.1 and Subarea 58.6.

2.8 The Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* spp. (CDS) has been in operation for over two years and, in addition to CCAMLR Members, it now includes the participation of four non-Contracting Parties to CCAMLR: the People's Republic of China, Mauritius, Seychelles and Singapore. Indonesia has certified a number of toothfish landings in the port of Jakarta, but has not yet formally notified CCAMLR of its participation in the CDS. The total number of catch documents (i.e. landing, export and re-export documents) received and processed by the Secretariat (as at 1 October 2002) is 14 363. In addition, a mechanism has been set up to administer a special fund (the 'CDS Fund') to promote development of, and improvement in implementing, the CDS.

2.9 During the year, the Commission and the Scientific Committee had been represented by observers at a number of international meetings (sections 13 and 14; SC-CAMLR-XXI, section 9).