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The following terms of reference were prepared by the ad hoc Joint Assessment Group (JAG) in 2003 for future work on the following two main tasks referred to by the Commission (CCAMLR-XXI, paragraphs 8.10 to 8.14):

Task I – to develop methods for estimating total removals of toothfish (including, where applicable, both legitimate and IUU catches) with a view to:

- determining whether such methods would provide better estimates than those currently prepared by the Secretariat and used by WG-FSA;
- determining data requirements for each method and each component of the total removals;
- identifying the origins and availability and levels of reliability of such data for all areas of toothfish distribution;
- recommending to both the Scientific Committee and SCIC, changes to the present methods for estimating total removals of toothfish.

Task II – to develop a comparative methodology for assessing compliance with CCAMLR conservation measures. Such an exercise should take into account:

- compliance with all relevant measures;
- sources of information and their levels of reliability and/or accuracy and objectivity. These may include (but not be limited to) CCAMLR-designated observer and inspector reports, data sheets submitted by such observers and port inspection reports under Conservation Measures 10-06 (2002), 10-07 (2002) and 10-03 (2002), CDS information and any other appropriate information source;
- the information required and methods available for determining the relative importance and degrees of compliance with different aspects of the conservation measures in meeting the Commission's objectives (i.e. evaluating the applicability of weighted scores to compliance assessment).