

ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 The Provisional Agenda (CCAMLR-XXII/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 Item 3 to the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF), and Agenda Items 5 and 8 to the Standing Committee on Implementation and Compliance (SCIC). The reports of SCAF and SCIC 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.

2.4 Two Scientific Committee working group meetings, along with associated subgroup meetings and workshops, had been held during the intersessional period; details of these meetings are elaborated under Agenda Item 4.

2.5 For the 2002/03 season, 27 inspectors had been designated, in accordance with the CCAMLR System of Inspection, by Australia, New Zealand and the UK. Eight reports were received from CCAMLR-designated inspectors in 2002/03, all from the UK.

2.6 Under the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, observers were on board all vessels fishing for toothfish. A total of 54 finfish cruises (37 on board longliners and 17 on board trawlers) carried international observers with seven national/international observers serving on board krill vessels.

2.7 During the 2002/03 season CCAMLR Members had actively participated in 12 fisheries in the Convention Area. Vessels fishing in fisheries managed under conservation measures in force in 2002/03 had reported, by 30 September 2003, a total of 110 333 tonnes of krill, 15 931 tonnes of toothfish and 4 498 tonnes of icefish; other species were taken as by-catch.

2.8 The Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* spp. (CDS) has been in operation for four years and, in addition to CCAMLR Members, it now includes the participation of five non-Contracting Parties to CCAMLR: the People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Mauritius, Seychelles and Singapore. The total number of catch documents (i.e. landing, export and re-export documents) received and processed by the Secretariat (as at 30 September 2003) is over 20 000.

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-XXII, section 9).