

## ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

### Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 The Provisional Agenda (CCAMLR-XXIV/1), had been distributed prior to the meeting. The Commission agreed to make the following changes:

- (i) add subitem 15(iv) 'Cooperation with CCSBT' to its agenda and renumber the existing subitems 15(iv)–(vi) accordingly;
- (ii) add subitem 20(iii) 'Change to the Commission's Rules of Procedure'.

With these additions, the Commission adopted its agenda which 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 6 to 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 reported that the Commission had not experienced the budgetary problems of recent years, which was largely attributable to the return to historic rates of exchange between the Australian and US dollar.

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 in SC-CAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 1.7.

2.5 For the 2004/05 season, 52 inspectors had been designated, in accordance with the CCAMLR System of Inspection, by Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, UK and the USA. Ten reports were received from CCAMLR-designated inspectors from the UK in 2004/05.

2.6 Under the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, observers were on board all vessels in all finfish fisheries in the Convention Area (see paragraph 4.4 for further details).

2.7 During the 2004/05 season CCAMLR Members had actively participated in 13 fisheries in the Convention Area. In addition, four other managed fisheries were conducted in national EEZs within the Convention Area. Vessels fishing in fisheries managed under conservation measures in force in 2004/05 had reported, by 21 September 2005, a total of 124 535 tonnes of krill, 14 074 tonnes of toothfish and 1 991 tonnes of icefish; other species were taken as by-catch (CCAMLR-XXIV/BG/13).

2.8 The Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* spp. (CDS) has been operating since 2000 and now includes the participation of three non-Contracting Parties to CCAMLR: the People's Republic of China, Seychelles and Singapore; along with three Acceding States: Canada, Mauritius and Peru. The total number of catch documents (i.e. landing/transshipment,

export and re-export documents) received and processed by the Secretariat (as at 30 September 2005) is well over 30 000.

2.9 In accordance with the Commission's request, the Secretariat continues to trial and develop electronic web-based CDS (E-CDS) documentation.

2.10 Under Conservation Measure 10-04 adopted last year, the centralised vessel monitoring system (C-VMS) commenced operation during the intersessional period. On a voluntary basis, 26 vessels have been monitored in nine subareas or divisions, as well as outside the Convention Area.

2.11 During the year, the Commission and the Scientific Committee had been represented by observers at a number of international meetings (sections 14 and 15; SC-CAMLR-XXIV, section 9).

2.12 It was with regret that the Chair informed Members of the death on 4 June 2005 of the SCAF Vice-Chair, Mr Chris Badenhorst from South Africa. He conveyed the Commission's condolences to Mrs Nolene Badenhorst and family, and asked all delegates to stand for a minute's silence in memory of this kind and sincere man.