

CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME FOR *DISSOSTICHUS* SPP.

7.1 Following recommendations from SCIC (Annex 5, paragraphs 4.3 to 4.5, 4.6, 4.10 and 4.11), the Commission agreed:

- (i) to take further action in respect of Port, Export and Import States, such as Singapore, China and its Special Administrative Region Hong Kong, which do not fully implement the CDS;
- (ii) to invite countries, as appropriate, to consider the implementation of the new World Customs Organization (WCO) harmonised tariff codes for toothfish product prior to their entry into force in January 2007;
- (iii) that Australia, France and the USA should work intersessionally in order to improve the current version of the E-CDS including full language support;
- (iv) to appoint Australia, Chile, France, Germany, Japan, UK and the USA to the CDS Fund Review Panel.

7.2 The Commission noted that SCIC had commenced work on improving Conservation Measure 10-05 but had been unable to adopt the suggested revisions and had therefore referred them to the Commission for further consideration (paragraphs 11.11 and 11.12).

7.3 The UK noted that the IUU-listed vessel *Sargo*, and *Seafrost*, were reported to have transhipped toothfish in Malaysia and that the toothfish transhipped was reported to have been subsequently exported to the Special Administration Region of Hong Kong and China. The UK requested that the People's Republic of China clarify its arrangements in respect of the importation of toothfish into its territory.

7.4 The People's Republic of China advised that it complies strictly with CDS requirements when toothfish is landed and imported into and exported or re-exported from its territory. As a non-Contracting Party, China has been voluntarily implementing the CDS since July 2001. China is always supporting the principle to combat IUU fishing and will continue its cooperation with CCAMLR in the future.

7.5 The USA advised Members that a new domestic regulation is being prepared which would require full implementation of the E-CDS and C-VMS in respect of all toothfish imported by the USA. The USA advised that the new regulation is anticipated to come into effect in 2006.

7.6 Several Members, whilst commending US efforts to combat IUU fishing, expressed concern that the USA intends to adopt unilateral measures, particularly a measure which would require the use of C-VMS outside the Convention Area (Annex 5, paragraph 3.13). Other Members welcomed the announcement by the USA.