

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION UNDER CONDITIONS OF UNCERTAINTY

12.1 The Commission recalled the Scientific Committee's 2004 advice on the likelihood of links between toothfish stocks inside and outside the Convention Area in the Indian Ocean (Areas 51 and 57) and that important information was missing in respect of research data, fishery-based data on catch locality, catch and effort, and size of fish in the catch (CCAMLR-XXIII, paragraphs 11.1 to 11.7).

12.2 The Commission noted that it had requested Members to submit to the Scientific Committee, all past and recent data collected on toothfish stocks in Areas 51 and 57. It had also requested that Members consider conducting cooperative surveys in these areas on a voluntary basis.

12.3 The Scientific Committee had further developed this matter (SC-CAMLR-XXIV, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.8) by reviewing:

- (i) catch and effort data for toothfish fishery in waters adjacent to the Convention Area;
- (ii) IUU fishing, including close collaboration of WG-FSA and SCIC with respect to IUU fishing.

12.4 The Scientific Committee reported that total catch of *Dissostichus* spp. outside the Convention Area in 2004/05 was 8 511 tonnes and the catch was mostly taken in Areas 41 and 87. The catch reported from outside the Convention Area in 2003/04 was 10 966 tonnes.

12.5 Argentina noted that it had provided additional information on *D. eleginoides* catches in the Patagonian sector of the Argentinean EEZ (Area 41). Argentina has introduced additional precautionary measures in this fishery from 2002 onwards to maintain sustainability of the stocks, and the catch limit has been reduced from 6 000 tonnes in the period 2000–2002 to 4 800 tonnes in 2003 and to 2 250 tonnes in the 2004 and 2005 seasons (SC-CAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 7.3).

12.6 The Commission endorsed arranging close collaboration between the Scientific Committee and SCIC on developing methods for assessing the extent of IUU fishing (paragraphs 8.3 to 8.5).

12.7 The Commission considered IUU fishing in section 8.

DATA ACCESS AND SECURITY

13.1 The Commission noted the matters of data access and security raised by the Secretariat (CCAMLR-XXIV/7 and SC-CAMLR-XXIV/BG/6). All data are managed in accordance with the Rules for Access and Use of CCAMLR Data, and the Rules for Access to CCAMLR CDS Data.

13.2 The Commission recalled that the Secretariat has (CCAMLR-XXIII, paragraphs 12.2 to 12.4):

- (i) implemented confidentiality of information provisions for its staff;
- (ii) implemented an Information Technology Code of Conduct for all its information technology functions so as to ensure, *inter alia*, security of electronic information for which the Secretariat is responsible;
- (iii) afforded urgent priority to ensuring security for data arising from the C-VMS.

13.3 The Commission noted the above and endorsed the ongoing need to ensure that appropriate levels of security be attached to data held by the Commission.