

ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 The Provisional Agenda (CCAMLR-XXVII/1), had been distributed prior to the meeting and was adopted with the addition of subitem 20(ii) 'European Community IUU regulations'. 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 8 to 10 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 Four Scientific Committee working group meetings, along with associated subgroup meetings and workshops, and a Joint CCAMLR-IWC Workshop, had been held during the intersessional period; details of these meetings are elaborated in SC-CAMLR-XXVII, paragraph 1.8.

2.4 For the 2007/08 season, 65 inspectors had been designated, in accordance with the CCAMLR System of Inspection, by Australia, Chile, France, New Zealand and the UK. A total of 12 at-sea inspections were reported: 11 conducted by UK-designated CCAMLR inspectors in Subarea 48.3 and one conducted by a French-designated CCAMLR inspector in Division 58.5.1.

2.5 CCAMLR-designated scientific observers were deployed on all vessels fishing for finfish and some vessels fishing for krill in the Convention Area in 2007/08 (see paragraph 11.1 for further details).

2.6 During the 2007/08 season, CCAMLR Members had actively participated in 12 fisheries in the Convention Area. In addition, three other managed fisheries were conducted in national Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) within the Convention Area. Vessels fishing in fisheries managed under conservation measures in force in 2007/08 had reported, by 10 October 2008, a total of 125 063 tonnes of krill, 12 573 tonnes of toothfish and 1 524 tonnes of icefish. A number of other species were taken as by-catch.

2.7 The Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* spp. (CDS) has been in operation since 2000, and now includes the participation of two non-Contracting Parties to CCAMLR: 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 to date is well over 36 000.

2.8 In accordance with the Commission's request, the Secretariat continues the development of the electronic web-based CDS (E-CDS) documentation. Since January 2008, all Members have used the E-CDS format.

2.9 The Centralised Vessel Monitoring System (C-VMS) continues to be implemented under Conservation Measure 10-04. Since its commencement, 96 vessels have been monitored in all subareas and divisions, as well as voluntarily outside the Convention Area.

2.10 During the year, the Commission and the Scientific Committee had been represented by observers at a number of international meetings (sections 15 and 16; SC-CAMLR-XXVII, section 9).