

DATA ACCESS AND SECURITY

14.1 In considering this agenda item, the Commission noted various data-related issues discussed by the Scientific Committee (SC-CAMLR-XXVII, paragraphs 13.1 to 13.11).

14.2 In the absence of new Scientific Committee advice on the Rules of Access and Use of CCAMLR Data (SC-CAMLR-XXVII, paragraph 13.11), the Commission reiterated that access to CDS and C-VMS data is governed by the 'Rules of Access to CDS Data' and the relevant provisions of Conservation Measure 10-04 respectively.

14.3 In respect to general data matters, the Commission recognised the ongoing growth of CCAMLR's databases overall as well as their increasing complexity (SC-CAMLR-XXVII, paragraph 13.1).

14.4 It noted the general improvement in the quality of STATLANT data as well as the inclusion of IMAF data in the *Statistical Bulletin* (SC-CAMLR-XXVII, paragraphs 13.2 to 13.4).

14.5 The Commission further noted the Scientific Committee's endorsement of procedures to modify longline haul-by-haul catch and effort data reporting (SC-CAMLR-XXVII, paragraphs 13.5 and 13.6), and to establish CCAMLR metadata (SC-CAMLR-XXVII, paragraph 13.7). The potential importance of the D4Science Project was also noted in the context of developing standards for the exchange of ecosystem summary data (SC-CAMLR-XXVII, paragraphs 13.8 to 13.10).

14.6 Other issues relating to data matters may be found in paragraphs 16.30, 17.5, 17.6 and 17.10.

14.7 The Commission noted with appreciation the Secretariat's proposal to rationalise the password system on the CCAMLR website (CCAMLR-XXVII/27; SC-CAMLR-XXVII, paragraph 16.4). The rationalisation will involve:

- (i) a single username and password combination be created to allow access for Members to all restricted sections of the Commission;
- (ii) a single username and password combination be created to allow access for Members to all restricted sections of the Scientific Committee;
- (iii) a single username and password combination be created to allow attendees (NGOs and observers) access limited to Commission and Scientific Committee meeting information, but only for the current meeting;
- (iv) a single username and password combination be created to allow access for invited experts to the relevant meeting information, but only for the current meeting.

14.8 The Commission agreed that password rationalisation will minimise Secretariat time and effort in administering usernames and passwords, improve user-friendly access to the restricted sections of the website for Members, and reduce the administrative effort required on the part of the official Member contacts to disseminate password information.

14.9 The rationalisation will also facilitate greater integration of the Commission's work and will not decrease the overall level of security compared to the current system. The current arrangements for access to CDS data and by Acceding States and observers remains unchanged.