

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION UNDER CONDITIONS OF UNCERTAINTY

Catches of *Dissostichus* spp.

5.1 The Commission noted catches of *Dissostichus* spp. in areas outside the Convention Area which had been reported to the Scientific Committee. These catches were taken mostly in Areas 41 and 87 (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraphs 4.138 to 4.140 and Annex 5, Table 4).

5.2 The Commission also noted the Scientific Committee's discussion on information pertaining to IUU fishing in the Convention Area (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.10). This matter was discussed under Item 9.

Bottom fishing in CCAMLR high-seas areas

5.3 The Commission joined the Scientific Committee in thanking fishing vessels and scientific observers on the quantity of data that they had been able to report during the season in accordance with Conservation Measure 22-07. To date, the Secretariat had received 30 VME indicator notifications of which seven notifications consisted of at least 10 VME indicator units. This had resulted in seven Risk Areas being declared in Subareas 88.1 and 88.2 (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, Annex 5, paragraph 10.29).

5.4 The Secretariat had also received a total of 30 notifications of encounters with VMEs made during the course of research surveys (Conservation Measure 22-06). The Commission agreed that these VMEs be recorded in the Secretariat's VME Register. The Commission also agreed that the VMEs reported in Subarea 48.2 be given protection in the experimental harvest regime for crabs in that subarea by closing experimental blocks A, C and E (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraph 4.257).

5.5 The Commission noted the continuation of the work of the Scientific Committee and its working groups on developing approaches to avoid and mitigate significant adverse impacts on VMEs (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraphs 4.238 to 4.258).

5.6 The Commission also noted that notifications made under Annex A of Conservation Measure 22-06 in 2009 were provided in several languages and this had limited the ability of WG-FSA to evaluate the proposals (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraph 4.244(b)). The Commission urged notifying Members to attend future meetings of the relevant working groups to help address issues dealing with their notifications, and not to add unduly to the Secretariat's translation load.

5.7 The Commission endorsed the Scientific Committee's advice on data-related requirements to improve the implementation of Conservation Measures 22-06 and 22-07 (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraph 4.247).

5.8 The Commission also endorsed the Scientific Committee's advice on the key points in the implementation of Conservation Measures 22-06 and 22-07 (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraph 4.248).

5.9 The Commission endorsed the Scientific Committee's intersessional work plan aimed at providing advice on Conservation Measures 22-06 and 22-07 next year (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraphs 4.251 and 4.252).

5.10 In endorsing this work plan, the Commission urged the Scientific Committee and its working groups to carefully consider the practical aspects of implementing recommendations arising from its work.