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Three Scientific Committee working group meetings, along with associated subgroup meetings and workshops, had been held during the intersessional period; details of these meetings are elaborated in SC-CAMLR-XXIX, paragraph 1.8.

2. The UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, the South African Department of Environmental Affairs, together with the Partnership for African Fisheries, Stop Illegal Fishing, and the CCAMLR Secretariat, collaborated to deliver a workshop to build capacity to combat IUU fishing for African nations in Cape Town, South Africa, in August.

3. During the 2009/10 fishing season, 77 inspectors had been designated, in accordance with the CCAMLR System of Inspection, by Australia, Chile, France, New Zealand and the UK. A total of 10 at-sea inspections were reported, all of which were conducted by UK-designated CCAMLR inspectors.

4. CCAMLR-designated scientific observers were deployed on all vessels fishing for finfish and some vessels fishing for krill in the Convention Area in 2009/10 (see paragraph 10.1 of the main report for further details).

5. During the 2009/10 season, CCAMLR Members had actively participated in 14 fisheries in the Convention Area. Vessels fishing in fisheries managed under conservation measures in force in 2009/10 had reported, by 24 September 2010, a total catch of 196 390 tonnes of krill, 11 860 tonnes of toothfish, 378 tonnes of icefish and 22 tonnes of crab. A number of other species were taken as by-catch.

6. 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 approximately 43 000.

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

8. The Centralised Vessel Monitoring System (C-VMS) continues to be implemented under Conservation Measure (CM) 10-04. Since its commencement, 150 vessels have been monitored in all subareas and divisions, as well as voluntarily outside the Convention Area.

9. During the year, the Commission and the Scientific Committee had been represented by observers at a number of international meetings (sections 13 and 14 of the main report; SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, section 10).

10. The Chaired informed Members that Ms Rita Mendelson, the General Office Administrator, will soon leave the Secretariat. Ms Mendelson had accumulated a wealth of CCAMLR-related information, and in many respects, had served as the organisation's corporate memory within the Secretariat over the last eight years. The Commission wished her well and welcomed her replacement, Ms Maree Cowen.

11. The Chair reminded Members that Dr Denzil Miller had completed his term as Executive Secretary in April this year. The Chair thanked Dr Miller for the dedication and commitment he had brought to CCAMLIR over many years. He welcomed Mr Andrew Wright to what he hoped would be a productive and rewarding term as Executive Secretary.