

ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

Adoption of the Agenda

- 2.1 The Agenda (CCAMLR-XXX/1) for the meeting was adopted and is at Annex 4.
- 2.2 The Chair referred Agenda Item 3 to the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF), and Agenda Items 8 and 9 to the Standing Committee on Implementation and Compliance (SCIC). The reports of SCAF and SCIC are given in Annexes 5 and 6 respectively.

Report of the Chair

- 2.3 The Chair reported that there had been no change to the membership of the Commission since CCAMLR-XXIX and that the Commission had 25 Members and that nine other States are party to the Convention.
- 2.4 The annual meetings of the Working Group on Statistics, Assessments and Modelling (WG-SAM) and the Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management (WG-EMM) were held in Busan, Republic of Korea, in July 2011. A Workshop on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) was held in Brest, France, in late August/early September. Details of these meetings are elaborated in SC-CAMLR-XXX, paragraph 1.8.
- 2.5 During the 2010/11 fishing season, 62 inspectors were designated by Australia, Chile, France, New Zealand and the UK. Eleven at-sea inspections were reported to have been conducted by UK-designated inspectors in Subarea 48.3. Twenty-four port inspections were conducted by Mauritius, New Zealand, UK and Uruguay.
- 2.6 CCAMLR-designated scientific observers were deployed on all vessels in all finfish fisheries in the Convention Area; 40 on vessels fishing for toothfish and one fishing for icefish. In addition, a total of 21 observation deployments were undertaken on vessels fishing for krill.
- 2.7 During the 2010/11 fishing season, CCAMLR Members had actively participated in 14 fisheries in the Convention Area. Vessels fishing in fisheries managed under conservation measures in force in 2010/11 had reported, by 24 September 2011, a total catch of 179 131 tonnes of krill, 11 254 tonnes of toothfish and 11 tonnes of icefish. A number of other species were taken as by-catch.
- 2.8 During the year, the Commission and the Scientific Committee had been represented by Observers at a number of international meetings (sections 13 and 14; SC-CAMLR-XXX, section 10).
- 2.9 With sadness, the Chair reflected on the passing of two members of the CCAMLR community: Ambassador Jorge Berguño (Chile) and Mr Alexandre de Lichtervelde (Belgium).

- Ambassador Berguño attended 12 Commission meetings between 1982 and 2005, including the first in 1982 when he was Chile's Ambassador to UNESCO. He was Commission Chair in 1991 and 1992 and was passionate about the Antarctic and the role of CCAMLR.
- Mr de Lichtervelde made an extremely valuable contribution to the work of CCAMLR in each of the six annual meetings in which he participated; his knowledge of Antarctic issues was extremely highly regarded.

2.10 The Chair requested that the Delegations of Chile and Belgium relay the sympathy and condolences of CCAMLR colleagues to the families and friends of Ambassador Berguño and Mr de Lichtervelde respectively. The contributions that they had each made to advancing Antarctic affairs was held in very high regard.

2.11 The Chair also reflected on another tragedy in the Southern Ocean when, on 13 December 2010, the Korean-flagged fishing vessel *Insung No. 1* sank in the Ross Sea. While 20 crew survived, 22 crew were lost. The Chair asked the Delegation of the Republic of Korea to convey CCAMLR Members' condolences to the families and friends of the Korean, Chinese, Indonesian and Vietnamese crew members who were lost. He also extended appreciation to all those involved in the search and rescue operation.