

IMPLEMENTATION OF OBJECTIVES

Performance Review Report

15.1 The Scientific Committee Chair advised the Commission that the Performance Review recommendations relating to the Scientific Committee are being progressed with a range of activities in both the Scientific Committee and its working groups, and that progress on these issues will be regularly reported to the Commission.

15.2 The Commission noted the concerns expressed in 2008 by the Scientific Committee and the Performance Review Panel at the declining levels of participation in the Scientific Committee and its working groups; it welcomed the information from the Scientific Committee that the measures introduced to address this have resulted in an increase in the participation by individual scientists and by Members in the work of the Scientific Committee (SC-CAMLR-XXX, paragraph 19.2).

15.3 Norway and the EU informed the Commission of contributions of A\$100 000 and €20 000 respectively to establish a CEMP Special Fund to support ecosystem management as a central component of the management of the krill fishery. The Commission noted the discussion of this issue by the Scientific Committee (SC-CAMLR-XXX, paragraphs 11.1 to 11.3) and endorsed the establishment of an ad hoc CEMP Fund Correspondence Group to develop the terms of reference for use of the fund.

15.4 ASOC thanked Norway and the EU for their leadership in establishing the CEMP Fund and providing significant contributions to resource this effort. ASOC believed that this fund will play a critical role in the development of the feedback management system for krill. It strongly urged all other CCAMLR Members to make contributions to this important fund and to encourage the ad hoc group to establish terms of reference for use of the fund.

15.5 Norway also advised that, for the next five years, the Norwegian fishing industry was providing a vessel to carry out five days of research fishing at no cost and that A\$1 million has been provided to the Norwegian Institute of Marine Research for krill research.

15.6 The Commission noted the advice from the Scientific Committee (SC-CAMLR-XXX, paragraphs 11.4 to 11.13) that the first CCAMLR scientific scholarship had been awarded to Dr R. Wiff from Chile. The EU congratulated CCAMLR on the establishment of the Scholarship Scheme and advised it would make a further contribution of €20 000 to the General Science Capacity Fund in the coming year.

15.7 Russia and Ukraine welcomed the achievement award by the young Chilean scientist Dr Wiff. At the same time, these delegations pointed out that the Scientific Scholarship Scheme initially was conceived ‘to assist early career scientists to participate in the work of the Scientific Committee and its working groups’ (SC-CAMLR-XXIX, Annex 9, Appendix I). Awarding only one young scientist in one year, from the point of view of Russia and Ukraine, will not improve attendance by young scientists of CCAMLR working groups and does not meet the original objectives of this scheme. They also believed that, in the future, awarding of CCAMLR Scholarships should proceed through consideration by the Scientific Committee of all scholarship proposals submitted as prescribed by paragraph 2(v), rather than through consideration by the Review Panel alone.

15.8 The Commission did not consider the issue of which body should review future scholarship proposals.

15.9 The Commission noted the progress achieved by SCIC in relation to the Performance Review recommendations relevant to its work. The Commission noted that SCIC had recorded progress against each Performance Review recommendation and articulated possible intersessional work that could be undertaken to progress a number of these. The details of this progress are available in CCAMLRL-XXX/BG/12 Rev. 1; the Performance Review section of the CCAMLRL website will be updated following CCAMLRL-XXX.

15.10 SCIC reminded the Commission of the Performance Review recommendations that have been identified as priority items relevant to its work:

- (i) 3.1.2.1 – Mechanisms for ensuring compliance by Contracting and non-Contracting Parties and enhanced surveillance and enforcement
- (ii) 4.1 – Flag State duties
- (iii) 4.3 – Monitoring, control and surveillance
- (iv) 4.6 – Market-related measures.

15.11 The EU reiterated the importance of the reviewing progress on all of the recommendations of the Performance Review Panel Report and recommended an update be maintained on the Commission's website as proposed by SCIC.

15.12 The SCAF Chair reported that SCAF had considered a paper prepared by the Secretariat in response to a Performance Review recommendation relating to strengthening the engagement of Developing States in the work of the Commission. SCAF agreed to keep this matter under review.

Future structure of Commission meetings

15.13 The Commission noted recommendations from SCIC and SCAF which gave general support for an eight-day meeting to be trialled in 2012 and 2013 and reviewed at the end of the 2013 meeting. In supporting this in principle, many delegations spoke of the need to maintain discipline and limit interventions during debates to ensure that work is completed in a timely manner without compromising quality. It was noted that both the Scientific Committee and the Commission will have a particularly demanding agenda at CCAMLRL-XXXI.

15.14 Some concern was expressed that there may be a need for extended interpreting and translation services if sessions continued into the evenings in order for the Commission to complete its work. The Secretariat was requested to manage the budget to allow a realignment of financial resources to ensure additional translation and interpretation would be available.

15.15 The Executive Secretary undertook to seek comments from Members on a draft agenda and associated schedule for the 2012 meeting that could assist with the preparation of

the Preliminary Agenda for CCAMLR-XXXI under Rule 15. The Executive Secretary assured the Commission that the Secretariat would endeavour to provide the best possible services to support the meeting in 2012, recognising there will be a need to take into account translation and interpretation demands in considering the meeting schedule.