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All land-based sites where CEMP studies are under way or planned should be described and registered as CEMP sites. The following procedure should be used to propose, register and manage activities in sites:

- (i) Proposals for the registration of CEMP sites together with draft management plans for those sites shall be submitted to the Working Group for CEMP for initial consideration by the Contracting Party(ies) whose nationals are conducting or planning to conduct CEMP studies at the site;
- (ii) The Working Group will review the proposals and draft management plans with respect to the goals and objectives of the CEMP and provide its recommendations for adoption, revision, deferral, or refusal to the Scientific Committee for consideration;
- (iii) The Scientific Committee shall review the proposals, taking into account the recommendations of the Working Group for CEMP, and advise the Commission as to the proposals and management plans that should be adopted, revised, deferred, or refused;
- (iv) The Commission shall designate CEMP monitoring sites and adopt management plans for such sites, taking into account advice provided by the Scientific Committee and the results of consultations with other components of the Antarctic Treaty system as described in sub-paragraph (v) below:
- (v) Before acting to register proposed CEMP sites, the Commission shall consult and cooperate with the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties and, when appropriate, the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals, and the Convention on the Regulation of Antarctic Mineral Resource Activities. The purpose of such consultation and cooperation shall be to ensure the achievement of the objective for which the site has been proposed and avoiding interference with the achievement of the objectives and principles of the Antarctic Treaty, the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Seals, and the Convention on the Regulation of Antarctic Mineral Resource Activities, or inconsistency between the relevant measures in effect pursuant to those instruments and the objectives for which the site has been proposed;

- (vi) Pending conclusion of the process of consultation and cooperation provided for in the previous sub-paragraph, the Commission may, by Resolution, adopt proposed management plans and designate proposed sites on a provisional basis;
- (vii) All CEMP sites and their approved management plans shall be listed in the annex to the Conservation Measure (to be adopted) regarding registration of the CEMP sites;
- (viii) Each Contracting Party shall develop a system for issuing permits authorising its nationals to carry out CEMP studies and other activities consistent with the provisions of the approved management plan in registered sites and shall take such other measures as may be necessary to insure that its nationals comply with approved management plans for such sites; and
- (ix) Copies of such permits shall be sent to the Executive Secretary as soon as practicable after they are issued. Each year the Executive Secretary shall provide the Commission and Scientific Committee a brief description of the permits that have been issued by the Parties. In cases where permits are issued for purposes not directly related to the conduct of the CEMP Study that the site registration is intended to protect, the Executive Secretary shall forward a copy of the permit to the Member(s) of the Scientific Committee that originally proposed registration of the site.

Following listing, Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, SCAR, the International Whaling Commission, and other international bodies responsible for activities in the Antarctic should be advised of the listing. Management plans and the results of monitoring studies carried out in registered sites should be reviewed periodically (e.g., at five year intervals) by the Working Group for CEMP and the Scientific Committee to determine whether the study objectives have been or are being met. The Commission should be notified and should act to terminate site registration when the monitoring program is terminated or when special regulation of activities in or near the site no longer is necessary to avoid impacting ongoing or planned research. Management Plans for listed sites should be updated as necessary.