

COOPERATION WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY SYSTEM

14.1 The Scientific Committee was represented at the XXIst Meeting of SCAR held in São Paulo from 9 to 27 July 1990 by Dr J. Croxall (UK) and in accordance with established practice, Dr Croxall was asked to report items of particular interest to the Commission.

14.2 Dr Croxall's full report to the Scientific Committee is presented in SC-CAMLR-IX/BG/18. In his report to the Commission, he drew attention to two recommendations from SCAR to CCAMLR: one calling for a ban on the use of driftnets in the Convention Area; the other, to the placing of observers on the ships of nations engaged in longline fisheries as soon as possible. These recommendations were taken into account in the Scientific Committee's provision of advice to the Commission. The Commission's discussion of these matters is reported in paragraphs 4.41 and 5.3 to 5.7.

14.3 Because the meetings of SCOI were conducted under Rule 32 (b), the SCAR Observer was unable to attend them and elaborate on the advice from SCAR in relation to the need for observers onboard longline fishery vessels.

14.4 Dr Croxall also drew attention to proposals from SCAR to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties for the nomination of Marine Sites of Special Scientific Interest. The Commission endorsed the view of the Scientific Committee that if asked, CCAMLR would have been able to make a significant contribution to SCAR's review of the marine SSSI proposals.

14.5 The Commission's attention was drawn to the Antarctic Science Conference and the related symposia being sponsored by SCAR, which will take place in Bremen in September 1991. The objective of the Conference is to increase public awareness of the importance of Antarctic science.

Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings

14.6 At its last meeting, the Commission discussed the need to improve communication among the elements of the Antarctic Treaty System. It noted that at the two meetings of the Consultative Parties in which CCAMLR had been invited to participate as an observer, the head of the delegation of the country providing the Chairman of CCAMLR had acted as the CCAMLR representative. This level of representation had served to establish an operational link between the two elements of the System and communication between them had shown a noticeable improvement.

14.7 Several delegations expressed the view that in order to improve this link, it was now necessary to consider ways of facilitating detailed exchanges during the Treaty meetings.

14.8 The Commission agreed that this would be achieved if, in future, the attendance of CCAMLR as an observer were to be effected by having the Executive Secretary attend either as the Chairman's representative or as an adviser to the Chairman.

14.9 The Commission agreed that the Executive Secretary should attend to advise the Chairman at the Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting in Viña del Mar, Chile from 19 November to 6 December 1990.