

COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

13.1 At the 43rd Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) which took place in May 1991 (Reykjavik, Iceland), CCAMLR was represented as an observer by the USA. In presenting his report, the Delegate of the USA briefly described results of the meeting in relation to the following subjects: assessment of whale stocks, management procedures, scientific permits and the International Decade of Cetacean Research.

13.2 The IWC has adopted by majority vote a core management procedure for whale stocks which might be further developed for use in managing Southern Hemisphere minke whales. The Commission took note of this development.

13.3 In connection with the proposed joint CCAMLR/IWC Workshop on the Feeding Ecology of Southern Baleen Whales (CCAMLR-IX, paragraph 4.42) it was reported that the IWC Scientific Committee reaffirmed its position that the terms of reference of the workshop should be expanded to include consideration of all major predators of krill. Although an informal IWC steering group had been formed to consult with Members of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee to develop a detailed proposal for a joint workshop, the CCAMLR Scientific Committee had agreed that it would be inappropriate for CCAMLR to continue as a co-sponsor of such a workshop (SC-CAMLR-X, paragraph 6.61).

13.4 The Commission welcomed the offer of the Delegation of the USA to represent CCAMLR at the 44th Annual IWC Meeting to be held in 1992 in the UK.