

COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Reports of Observers from Other International Organisations

12.1 Observers from ASOC, IOC, SCAR, IUCN and IWC attended the meeting. No reports or statements were received from observers during the discussion of this agenda item.

Reports of CCAMLR Representatives at Meetings of Other International Organisations

12.2 During the intersessional period CCAMLR was represented at the following meetings:

- 46th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission (May 1994, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico). CCAMLR was represented by Japan; and
- FAO Technical Consultation on the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing (September to October 1994, Rome, Italy). CCAMLR was represented by the USA.

12.3 In his report to the Commission, the Delegate of Japan summarised those aspects of the 46th Annual Meeting of IWC which are of particular importance to CCAMLR: establishment of the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary, endorsement of the Revised Management Scheme for Baleen Whales; scientific permits; a research plan for the southern hemisphere large baleen whales, and the impact of environmental change on whale stocks (CCAMLR-XIII/BG/22).

12.4 The Chairman of the Scientific Committee also noted the report from the CCAMLR Observer at the IWC Scientific Committee meeting (SC-CAMLR-XIII, paragraphs 14.16 to 14.25) and that the Chairman of the IWC Scientific Committee, Dr S. Reilly (USA), attended this year's meeting of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee.

12.5 The Commission noted with satisfaction recent developments in cooperation between CCAMLR and IWC. The Commission endorsed a set of the Scientific Committee's recommendations contained in paragraphs 14.16 to 14.24 of SC-CAMLR-XIII regarding cooperation with IWC.

12.6 The Delegation of Australia advised the Commission that the Executive Secretary asked Australia to represent the Commission at the intersessional meeting of the Working Group on a Sanctuary in the Southern Ocean at Norfolk Island, 20 to 24 February 1994. This Working Group of the IWC was set up to examine outstanding legal, political, ecological and other issues in relation to the establishment of a sanctuary in the Southern Ocean and was hosted by the

Australian Government. The meeting resulted from discussions at the IWC over the past few years on an initial French proposal for a circumpolar sanctuary in all waters south of 40°S latitude. The meeting agreed on a series of recommendations concerning the Sanctuary proposal, which were subsequently considered at IWC46 in Mexico, including that the IWC should further examine options for the geographical boundaries of such a sanctuary.

12.7 In addition, the Executive Secretary informed the Commission of his visit to the IWC Secretariat and his participation at the meeting of the FAO Coordinating Working Party on Fisheries Statistics (CWP) (Madrid, Spain) immediately prior to the Working Group meetings in South Africa. Discussions at the IWC Secretariat concentrated on the possible assistance of CCAMLR in publishing IWC whaling statistics. Participation in CWP was in response to an invitation received from FAO. The meeting dealt with CWP statutory documentation and plans for future work which will include the possible approval of the statutes and rules of procedure of CWP at its next meeting.

12.8 The Delegation of the USA informed the Commission of its representation of CCAMLR at the FAO Technical Consultation on the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing. Two CCAMLR papers were submitted to the meeting: comments on the FAO draft of the 'General Principles' of the International Code of Conduct on Responsible Fishing, prepared by the Secretariat and a letter describing 'CCAMLR's Approach to Ecosystem Management'.

Establishment of a General CCAMLR Policy on the Designation of CCAMLR Observers to International Conferences or Meetings

12.9 This sub-item was added in response to a request from Australia. In the explanatory memorandum provided, Australia has made specific proposals for a procedure for the designation of CCAMLR Observers.

12.10 The Delegation of Australia proposed that, at its annual meetings, the Commission should nominate observers to represent CCAMLR at key meetings of international organisations. Australia also proposed that if the question of attendance at such a meeting arises intersessionally, the Executive Secretary should seek to designate a CCAMLR representative from a Member State who is also attending that meeting, and that, where practicable, this Member should be the host country where the meeting is being held. In cases where the host country is not a CCAMLR Member, the Executive Secretary should consult with Members in order to nominate an observer.

12.11 The Commission supported the need to promote a wider awareness of the objectives and work of CCAMLR in relevant international organisations and forums through the designation of

representatives of CCAMLR to be observers at meetings of these bodies. The value of cooperative exchanges with such organisations was also discussed, particularly in the light of Article XXIII of the Convention which refers to the development of cooperative working relationships with appropriate organisations which could contribute to the work of CCAMLR.

12.12 The Commission decided that, at its annual meeting, the Commission would decide on its representation at key meetings of organisations with which CCAMLR should develop or maintain cooperative working relations or which are considering issues of relevance to CCAMLR.

12.13 If representation at such a meeting could not be discussed at the annual meeting of the Commission, and the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Chair of the Commission, considers that representation of CCAMLR at that meeting may be appropriate, the Executive Secretary could initially approach the host country where the meeting is being held, if that country is a party to the Convention, and request that country, if it is in a position to do so, to represent CCAMLR.

12.14 If the host country of such a meeting is not a party to the Convention or cannot serve as the CCAMLR representative, the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Chair of the Commission, should raise the matter intersessionally with Members of the Commission in order to identify another CCAMLR Member which can represent the Commission.

12.15 The Commission agreed to the principle that representation of CCAMLR at any one organisation or forum should be rotated amongst Members, having regard, however, to the benefits of appropriate expertise in representation of CCAMLR at meetings which are considering technical questions.

Future Cooperation

12.16 The following observers were nominated for meetings in 1995:

- United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, March 1995, New York, USA - Argentina;
- FAO Technical Consultations on the Code of Conduct on Responsible Fishing, to be held during the COFI meeting, March 1995, Rome, Italy - Secretariat;
- ATCM, May 1995, Seoul, Republic of Korea - Secretariat;
- 47th Meeting of IWC, May 1995, Dublin, Ireland - UK;

- South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency, May 1995, Solomon Islands - New Zealand;
- International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), November 1995, Madrid, Spain - Spain;
- Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (IOFC), Kenya - Japan;
- South Pacific Commission (SPC), Noumea - France;
- Commission for the Conservation of the Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) - Australia; and
- Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (I-ATTC) - USA.

12.17 The Commission considered that it would be useful to have a timetable of future meetings of these and other international organisations available at the beginning of the annual meetings. It requested the Secretariat to prepare such a timetable, as far as possible.

12.18 The Commission endorsed paragraphs 9.47 to 9.49 and 9.60 to 9.61 of SC-CAMLR-XIII referring to liaison between CCAMLR and a range of international bodies, including the UN, FAO, IWC and various fishery commissions. This liaison relates to items of mutual interest associated with the reduction of incidental mortality of seabirds in longline fisheries.

12.19 However, the Commission noted that it has also nominated official observers to some of these meetings (paragraph 12.16).

12.20 In order to clarify and coordinate activities common to both these actions, the Commission agreed that, to the organisations listed in SC-CAMLR-XIII, Annex 8, Appendix E plus IWC, FAO and UN (specifically its Conference on Straddling Stocks and Highly Migratory Species), the Secretariat should send:

- (i) a summary of the Scientific Committee and Commission actions with respect to incidental mortality of seabirds associated with fisheries prior to the 1994 meeting;
- (ii) the report of WG-IMALF and relevant sections of the 1994 report of the Scientific Committee and Commission, together with an appropriate executive summary; and

- (iii) a copy of the 1994/95 work plan of the IMALF coordinating group (CCAMLR-XIII/BG/30);

and request from them:

- (i) information on the steps they have taken and are planning to address the topic of incidental mortality of seabirds associated with fisheries, especially longline fisheries; and
- (ii) details of current and forthcoming meetings at which input from CCAMLR might be particularly relevant.

12.21 In addition, the official observers from CCAMLR to meetings referred to in paragraph 12.16 should be provided with the documents described above by the Secretariat and requested to assist in obtaining responses to the questions posed in paragraph 12.20.