

REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

(Hobart, Australia, 24 October to 3 November 1995)

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources was held in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from 24 October to 3 November 1995 under the Chairmanship of Mr J. Villemain (France).

1.2 All Members of the Commission were represented: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, European Economic Community, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

1.3 Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, Greece, Netherlands, Peru and Uruguay were invited to attend the meeting as observers. Netherlands and Uruguay attended.

1.4 The Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC), the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), the Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (IOFC), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the International Whaling Commission (IWC), the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the South Pacific Commission (SPC), were invited to attend the meeting as observers. ASOC, CCSBT, FAO, IOC, IUCN, IWC, SCAR and SCOR attended.

1.5 The Chairman welcomed Members and observers to the meeting and noted that Ukraine had become a full Member of the Commission since the last meeting. There are now 22 Members and seven Acceding States.

1.6 The List of Participants is given in Annex 1. The List of Documents presented to the meeting is given in Annex 2.

ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 The Provisional Agenda (CCAMLR-XIV/1) was distributed prior to the meeting. The Agenda was adopted with one amendment, the addition of 'Appointment of Executive Secretary' as Item 12 (Annex 3).

Report of the Chairman

2.2 The Chairman reported on intersessional activities. He informed the meeting that Scientific Committee Working Groups had met during the year in Siena, Italy (Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management (WG-EMM)) and in Hobart (Workshop on Methods for the Assessment of *Dissostichus eleginoides* (WS-MAD) and Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (WG-FSA)). Two *ad hoc* subgroups associated with WG-EMM had also met during the intersessional period: a subgroup on CEMP statistics met in Cambridge, UK, and another met in Hamburg, Germany to review a number of cooperative oceanographic surveys at a workshop entitled 'Temporal Changes in Marine Environments in the Antarctic Peninsula'. The Chairman also reported that although the *ad hoc* Working Group on Incidental Mortality Arising from Longline Fishing (WG-IMALF) had not met during the year, a coordinating group had conducted its work by correspondence.

2.3 The Commission was represented as an observer at a number of international meetings as listed in paragraph 11.12. Cooperation with other organisations is discussed in sections 10 and 11.