

ADDITIONAL MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Marine debris

6.1 The Scientific Committee noted that several papers had been provided regarding surveys of marine debris and its impact on marine mammals and seabirds conducted by Members in the Convention Area, including Annex 4, SC-CAMLR-XXVI/BG/10 and BG/16 to BG/20. The Scientific Committee noted that SC-CAMLR-XXVI/BG/10 provided a useful summary of the submitted papers and had been provided to ad hoc WG-IMAF.

6.2 The Scientific Committee indicated that this item would better be delegated to ad hoc WG-IMAF for its expert consideration and recommended that the issue of marine debris be removed from its agenda in the future.

6.3 Dr M. Naganobu (Japan) noted to the Scientific Committee that no marine debris had been released from any Japanese fishing vessels in the Convention Area in the 2006/07 fishing season.

Marine mammal and bird populations

6.4 During WG-EMM-07, progress towards a workshop on the estimation of land-based marine predator abundance in the southwest Atlantic was reviewed (Annex 4, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.5). WG-EMM discussed and endorsed the work plan and terms of reference for the workshop (Annex 4, paragraph 7.2) developed intersessionally by a correspondence group led by Dr C. Southwell (Australia).

6.5 In considering the work plan, WG-EMM also recognised that the estimation of predator abundance and predator demands for prey would require a considerable program of work and that this would extend beyond 2008. The Scientific Committee agreed that the correspondence group should be elevated to the status of a subgroup –WG-EMM-STAPP.

6.6 The Scientific Committee noted that the workshop to be held in 2008 need not be held in conjunction with WG-EMM-08. The Executive Secretary offered the CCAMLR offices in Hobart and it was agreed that the workshop should be held from 16 to 20 June 2008.

6.7 The Scientific Committee endorsed the invitation and participation of appropriate SCAR experts at the workshop. Dr Hosie confirmed that Drs D. Patterson-Fraser and Danis would attend on behalf of SCAR.

6.8 The Scientific Committee also endorsed the invitation and participation of one independent expert who should be experienced in the statistical estimation of land-based predator populations. A budget of A\$6 000 was agreed to support the attendance of an appropriate individual.

6.9 The Scientific Committee agreed that the report of the workshop should be delivered to both WG-SAM-08 and WG-EMM-08.

6.10 At the time of adoption of the report, the Scientific Committee agreed that in future this item should be considered by WG-EMM.