

**REPORT OF THE TWENTY-NINTH MEETING  
OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**  
(Hobart, Australia, 25 to 29 October 2010)

## OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 The Scientific Committee for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources met from 25 to 29 October 2010 at the CCAMLR Headquarters in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. The meeting was chaired by Dr D. Agnew (UK).

1.2 The Chair welcomed to the meeting representatives from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, People's Republic of China (hereafter referred to as China), European Union, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Namibia, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay.

1.3 The Chair also welcomed to the meeting observers from the Netherlands (Acceding State) and Nigeria (non-Contracting Party), along with observers from ACAP, ASOC, CEP, COLTO, IWC, SCAR and SEAFO, and encouraged them to participate in the meeting to the extent possible. SCAR also represented SCOR in relation to their joint activity relevant to CCAMLR's work (SOOS).

1.4 The List of Participants is given in Annex 1. The List of Documents considered during the meeting is given in Annex 2.

1.5 The report of the Scientific Committee was prepared by Drs E. Barrera-Oro (Argentina) and V. Bizikov (Russia), Mr A. Dunn (New Zealand), Prof. B. Fernholm (Sweden), Dr S. Hanchet (New Zealand), Mr C. Heinecken (South Africa), Dr S. Hill (UK), Prof. P. Koubbi (France), Ms I. Lutchman (UK), Drs P. Martinez (Argentina), R. Mitchell (UK), S. Nicol (Australia), G. Parkes (UK), P. Penhale (USA), D. Ramm (Data Manager), K. Reid (Science Officer), V. Siegel (EU), P. Trathan (UK), G. Watters (USA) and D. Welsford (Australia).

1.6 While all parts of this report provide important information for the Commission, paragraphs of the report summarising the Scientific Committee's advice to the Commission have been highlighted (see also SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraph 1.7).

## Adoption of agenda

1.7 The Provisional Agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting (SC-CAMLR-XXIX/1) and was adopted without change (Annex 3).

## Chair's report

1.8 The following meetings took place in 2010:

- (i) SG-ASAM met at the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), Cambridge, UK, from 1 to 4 June 2010. The meeting was convened by Dr J. Watkins (UK) and was attended by 10 participants representing five Member countries.
- (ii) Two meetings took place at the National Research Aquarium, Cape Town, South Africa in July–August 2010:
  - WG-SAM met from 19 to 23 July 2010. It was convened by Dr A. Constable (Australia) and attended by 23 participants representing eight Member countries.
  - WG-EMM met from 25 July to 3 August 2010. It was convened by Dr Watters and attended by 49 participants representing 16 Member countries.
- (iii) WG-FSA was held from 11 to 22 October 2010 in Hobart. It was convened by Dr C. Jones (USA) and attended by 29 participants representing 12 Member countries.
- (iv) Ad hoc TASO was held from 11 to 15 October 2010 in Hobart. It was co-convened by Mr Heineken and Dr Welsford and attended by 11 participants representing six Member countries.

1.9 In addition, two correspondence groups worked during the intersessional period on matters related to capacity building and the MPA Special Fund.