

ADVICE TO SCIC AND SCAF

13.1 The Chair presented the Scientific Committee's advice to SCIC and SCAF during the meeting. The advice to SCAF is summarised in section 12.

13.2 The advice to SCIC was derived from the Scientific Committee's consideration of information provided by WG-EMM, WG-FSA and ad hoc TASO and is contained in sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (see also SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraph 12.4). The Chair reported that SCIC had noted this advice.

SECRETARIAT SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

Data Management

14.1 The Data Manager reported on recent work in support of the Secretariat's Data Management Function, and measures taken to maintain the integrity of the CCAMLR database (SC-CAMLR-XXIX/BG/3), and outlined a proposal for an independent review of the Secretariat's data management system (CCAMLR-XXIX/13). The goal of the proposed review is to provide assurance that CCAMLR's information assets are appropriately managed and protected, and that identified risks, including those which may arise from the Commission's growing needs, are managed and mitigated using an appropriate international standard as the benchmark. The proposed review forms part of the Secretariat's broad consideration of an information security policy.

14.2 This proposal was considered by WG-SAM and WG-FSA, and the Scientific Committee noted that such a review was expected to assist in the further development of the Secretariat's data services, including the dissemination of web-based metadata and related information (see also Annex 4, paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2; Annex 8, paragraph 12.2). The proposed review was supported and referred to the Commission for further consideration.

Publications

14.3 The following documents were published in 2010 in support of the Scientific Committee's work:

- (i) Report of the Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Scientific Committee
- (ii) *CCAMLR Science*, Volume 17
- (iii) *Statistical Bulletin*, Volume 22.

14.4 The Scientific Committee also noted the progress made in finalising the reviews arising from the Joint CCAMLR-IWC Workshop to Review Input Data for Antarctic Ecosystem Models (SC-CAMLR-XXVII, Annex 12). The reviews were expected to be published in 2011.

CCAMLR Science

14.5 The Scientific Committee noted the *CCAMLR Science* Editor's report (SC-CAMLR-XXIX/8). In 2010, *CCAMLR Science* had an impact factor of 1.286 and was ranked 16th out of the 42 journals in the Fisheries subject category in Thomson Reuters *Journal Citation Reports*, Science Edition (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraph 13.12).

14.6 The Scientific Committee thanked the authors and reviewers for their outstanding contributions to the journal, and the Secretariat's editorial team for maintaining the high publication standards.

14.7 The Scientific Committee reviewed the translation requirements of the journal (abstracts and table and figure legends are provided in French, Russian and Spanish) in the context of the review of translation requirements currently being undertaken by the Commission (CCAMLR-XXIX/8). It was noted that without the need for translation, papers could be published online within a few weeks of the final manuscript being received.

14.8 The Scientific Committee agreed to cease the translation of abstracts and table and figure legends, and agreed to publish future volumes of the journal in English only.

14.9 The Scientific Committee also reviewed the current practice of obtaining permission from authors (as stipulated in the disclaimer in the cover page footnote) prior to citing working group papers in manuscripts for *CCAMLR Science* (and all other journals). Authors of *CCAMLR Science* papers have found it increasingly difficult to determine who to contact to receive such permission as the authors may no longer be involved in CCAMLR or may not be contactable with the details provided in the working group paper.

14.10 The Scientific Committee recommended that the permissions to cite working group papers should be delegated to the Scientific Committee representative of the Member responsible for the original submission.

14.11 The Scientific Committee considered approaches to increasing the visibility of science conducted by the working groups by providing public access to working group papers. The Secretariat undertook to continue discussions with Members during the intersessional period to progress this issue.