

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
REPORT OF FIRST MEETING (7–11 JUNE 1982)

Opening of Meeting

1. The first meeting of the Scientific Committee was held in Parliament House, Hobart, from 7 to 11 June, 1982. Dr. R.G. Chittleborough acted as temporary Chairman.
2. Members of the Scientific Committee present are listed in Annex 1. Observers from FAO, IOC, IWC and IUCN attended.
3. Following a discussion on the conduct of the meeting, it was decided to meet in Plenary Session for the purpose of considering the Rules of Procedure.
4. It was also agreed to meet informally for the purpose of discussing various scientific matters related to the future work of the Scientific Committee.

Rules of Procedure

5. Temporary Rules of Procedure were discussed, and it was agreed to apply the temporary rules of procedure of the Commission (document CCAMLR-I/2 REV I) with one change. Rule 17 was replaced by the following wording:

‘Decisions should be taken according to the Convention.’

6. In drawing up the permanent Rules of Procedure the broad lines of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission were followed. However, it was also taken into account that the Scientific Committee as a consultative body to the Commission has an identity of its own. Some problems relating to the interpretation of the terms of the Convention were referred to the Heads of Delegations for advice. This advice is now awaited.