

**AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON DATA
COLLECTION AND HANDLING**

Terms of Reference

1. To consider the kinds and amount of data required for assessing the state of fish and krill resources.
2. To take into account the experience and programs of already existing international and national data base operations (e.g. ICES, IWC, NAFO) or those developing (BIOMASS) in order to develop the required data base most efficiently and compatibly.
3. To consider as the first priority the data needed from the fishing operations, including associated scouting and exploratory operations. The scientific cruise data which provide the biological information necessary for assessment of state of the resources should also be considered.
4. To consider the need for 1983/84 fishery data and advise on the most appropriate format and timing for reporting such data to the Secretariat.
5. To consider the longer term routine data needs to allow assessment of stocks that are of particular concern; consider the means of obtaining the required data from member countries, and advise on the steps to develop the format of the data base which CCAMLR maintains.
6. To advise on actions and work programmes, including processing requirements, necessary for the effective operation of the data base and assessment activities.
7. To identify gaps in key data, drawing attention [of the Scientific Committee] to needs for planning to gather data on such aspects.