

PUBLICATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR PREPARING DOCUMENTS

11.1 The Scientific Committee noted the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Publication Matters contained in CCAMLR-III/12/REV.1. The Group had a meeting during this session of the Scientific Committee to consider documentation and publication matters further in the light of recent experience.

11.2 The Scientific Committee endorsed the Working Group recommendation that two document categories were sufficient: working papers, relating to agenda items (about 4–5 pages in length), and background papers, which may or may not relate specifically to agenda items (a short summary is to be submitted with each background paper).

11.3 It was agreed that working papers would be translated entirely into the other working languages of the Commission. For background papers, the summary and all table and figure captions would be translated, whereas the main body of text would appear in the original language of submission.

11.4 It was noted that although the financial implications of translating all portions of working papers and background papers would be considerable, from a scientific point of view it would be desirable if all documents were available in the four official languages. It was suggested that the Commission consider whether it would be financially feasible to undertake complete translation of scientific papers.

11.5 It was recommended that the Report of the Scientific Committee be published separately from the other scientific papers considered by the Committee.

11.6 It was agreed that it would be desirable to publish a Research Bulletin. This Bulletin should be widely available to members, libraries, and the scientific community. The Chairman, Secretariat, and the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Publications Matters agreed to consider further during the intersessional period the details of publication of the Research Bulletin.

11.7 It was recommended that a Statistical Bulletin be published (see paragraphs 6.11 – 6.13).

11.8 It was agreed that publication of a Sampling Bulletin, although perhaps desirable at some point in the future, would be premature at present.

11.9 A discussion of the value of national bibliographies on the Antarctic marine subjects relevant to the Scientific Committee concluded that any past national bibliographies not already submitted should be sent to the Secretariat and that each year each member nation should send a bibliography (including doctoral theses) to the Secretariat.