

BUDGET FOR 1985

12.1 It was proposed that funds be made available for intersessional meetings of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment and the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring as well as for the Workshop to consider the analysis of catch and effort for krill.

12.2 It was noted that, where possible, the timing and location of intersessional meetings should be arranged to allow:

- travel costs to be kept to a minimum,
- all members to participate,
- meetings in locations where the best facilities were available for particular groups' work.

12.3 There was discussion on the question of participation of experts in intersessional meetings. It was considered that it was desirable to arrange for the attendance of highly qualified specialists from a wide geographical range of members of the Commission. Reference was made to the provisions of Article XIX (5) of the Convention which specify that each member shall meet its own expenses arising from attendance at meetings of the Commission and of the Scientific Committee. The question was raised whether or not the participation of experts from members in intersessional meetings would come under the provisions of this Article. A decision by the Commission on this matter may be required.

12.4 It was agreed that there is also a need from time to time to arrange for the services of persons with special expertise who would be instrumental in the progress prior to or during intersessional meetings. It was agreed that such experts would not represent their countries or necessarily their organisations. It was furthermore agreed that such experts could come from a wide range of countries and/or regions. Decisions on contracts and/or funding of travel should be made by the Chairman of the Scientific Committee in consultation with the Convener concerned and the Executive Secretary.

12.5 It was suggested that the Secretariat explore the possibility of drawing up a list of experts in fields related to the objectives of the Commission.

12.6 It was proposed that funds be made available for the CCAMLR Data Manager to visit members undertaking harvesting activities in the Convention area to discuss problems of data submission and to advise on the needs of CCAMLR in this field.

12.7 The Scientific Committee developed a proposal for the budget of 1985 in accordance with the recommendations made for activities during the forthcoming intersessional period. The proposed budget was endorsed. It is given at Annex 10.