

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

CCAMLR Scientific Committee Observers at Meetings

8.1 The CCAMLR Scientific Committee was represented at the following meetings during the inter-sessional period:

38th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission, Dr J. Beddington;

19th Meeting of SCAR, Dr J.-C. Hureau (SC-CAMLR-V/BG/12);

73rd Meeting of ICES, Dr K. Sherman (CCAMLR-V/16).

8.2 A calendar of future meetings was discussed (CCAMLR-V/BG/3) and it was agreed that the Scientific Committee would be represented at the meetings as indicated below:

74th Statutory Meeting of ICES, Denmark, 9–17 October 1986, Dr K. Sherman;

39th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission, United Kingdom, June 1987, Dr W. de la Mare;

IWC Scientific Committee Meeting on Indian Ocean Sanctuary, Seychelles, February 1987, no representative designated as yet;

Scientific Seminar on Antarctic Ocean Variability and its Influence on Marine Living Resources, Particularly Krill, Paris, 2–6 June 1987, Dr D. Sahrhage;

The IOC Program Group for the Southern Oceans, Paris, 8–13 June 1987, Dr D. Sahrhage;

XVIII General Meeting of SCOR, Australia, 26–28 November 1986, Dr K. Kerry.

CCAMLR/IOC Scientific Seminar on Antarctic Ocean Variability and its Influence on Marine Living Resources, Particularly Krill

8.3 Dr Sahrhage noted that the preparations for this meeting are proceeding well (see SC-CAMLR-V/BG/16). Over 30 abstracts for papers have been received to date, and more are anticipated prior to the final deadline of November 1986. Complete manuscripts are required by 28 February 1987.

8.4 Springer-Verlag has provisionally agreed to publish the proceedings of the Seminar (up to 350 pages at their expense). It may be desirable to find funds to cover publication of a larger volume. The issue is discussed further under agenda item 11 (budget).

8.5 A one-day meeting of the Steering Group for this Seminar will be held prior to the meeting; other arrangements and preparations for the meeting will be addressed through correspondence.

CCAMLR/FAO Species Identification Sheets

8.6 The Executive Secretary reviewed the status of the joint CCAMLR/FAO project on Species Identification Sheets for the Southern Ocean. The English version of this work (2 volumes) has been completed and is being distributed. The publication has been sent to the Secretariat (1,000 copies), members of CCAMLR (10 copies), and authors of sections (2 copies) from a total of 2,000 copies in the first printing.

8.7 The French version of this work is expected to be ready for distribution in early 1987. The Spanish version is expected to be completed by the end of 1987.

8.8 The Chairman thanked all those who have been involved in this successful collaboration between CCAMLR and FAO. He especially thanked Dr W. Fischer of FAO and Dr J.-C. Hureau for their efforts in producing a high quality product.

8.9 The Executive Secretary advised that the Species Identification Sheets are considered 'occasional papers' under the CCAMLR documents scheme, and are therefore to be made available free of charge. To ensure that the volumes distributed find their way to the scientists most likely to use them, each delegation was asked to provide Dr Hureau with a list indicating the number of volumes requested, and the name of the person to whom volumes should be sent for national distribution.

BIOMASS and the SCAR Group of Specialists
on Southern Ocean Ecology

8.10 The SCAR observer summarised his written report (CCAMLR-V/12). The SCAR Group of Specialists on Southern Ocean Ecosystems and their Living Resources has been disbanded, but the BIOMASS Executive will continue co-ordinating the analysis of FIBEX and SIBEX data. The BIOMASS group feels that it has much to contribute to the goals of CCAMLR, and therefore seeks to work with the Scientific Committee whenever appropriate.

8.11 SCAR has constituted a new Group of Specialists on Southern Ocean Ecology. This group has several goals that are complementary to those of the Scientific Committee. It was noted that CCAMLR is likely to benefit from the insights provided both by directed and basic research activities.

8.12 The Chairman expressed his view that it is highly desirable for the Scientific Committee and SCAR to work closely together, drawing on their mutual strengths.

8.13 The SCAR observer presented a request for financial support to BIOMASS from CCAMLR (see SC-CAMLR-V/BG/7/Rev.1). Several of the workshops to be held by BIOMASS have direct relevance to the Scientific Committee's work, and there was general support for seeing this work proceed. However, the propriety of CCAMLR funding BIOMASS activities was questioned by one Member.

8.14 A brief consultation on behalf of the Chairman was held to poll the Members on the request from SCAR to provide financial support for the BIOMASS workshops. There was general agreement that the topics to be addressed by these Workshops would add to an improved understanding of the structure and function of the Antarctic marine ecosystem. Two of the workshops and part of a third address topics of particular importance to the Scientific Committee: 1) CPUE as an estimate of krill abundance, 2) Fish Ecology, and 3) Krill Physiology and Biochemistry. Of these, the CPUE workshop is of greatest relevance and significance to the issues being addressed by the Scientific Committee. Next in priority is the Fish Ecology Workshop, and third is the age and growth aspects of the Krill Physiology and Biochemistry Workshop. The Scientific Committee agreed that also the Workshop on Krill Acoustics will be of particular interest to CCAMLR.

8.15 In order to support those activities that will directly benefit the work of the Scientific Committee, the Committee considered a suggestion that \$A10,000 be made available to the BIOMASS program. The Committee was divided on the issue with many delegations speaking in favour and one against.