

REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 The Scientific Committee for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources met under the Chairmanship of Dr Inigo Everson (UK) from 26 October to 3 November 1987 at the Wrest Point Hotel, Hobart, Australia.

1.2 Representatives from the following Members attended the meeting: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, European Economic Community, France, German Democratic Republic, Federal Republic of Germany, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom and United States of America.

1.3 At the invitation of the Scientific Committee, representatives from the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), International Whaling Commission (IWC), the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) and the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) attended the meeting as observers. Observers from the acceding states of Greece, Sweden and Uruguay as well as an observer from Peru also participated by invitation.

1.4 The Chairman welcomed delegates, and extended a special welcome to Spain as a new member of the Scientific Committee. Observers were also welcomed and encouraged to participate, as appropriate, in discussion of agenda items 4 through 11.

1.5 A list of participants is at Annex 1. A list of documents considered during the session is at Annex 2.

1.6 Responsibility for the preparation of the Scientific Committee's report was assigned to the following rapporteurs: Mr D. Miller (South Africa) krill resources, Dr J. Gulland (EEC) fish resources, Dr R. Williams (Australia) squid resources, Dr J. Croxall (UK) ecosystem monitoring and management, Dr J. Bengtson (USA) marine mammal and bird population assessment, Dr L. Jacobson (Secretariat) data collection and handling,

Dr D. Robertson (New Zealand) budget for 1988 and Dr E. Sabourenkov (Secretariat) all other items.

1.7 A timetable for the meeting was adopted. The Chairman drew Member's attention to the problem of late submission of papers for consideration at the meeting. It was suggested and agreed that due to the limited time available to the Scientific Committee, only papers received by the Secretariat before the start of the meeting would be discussed.