

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

7.1 The CCAMLR Scientific Committee was represented at the following meetings during the intersessional period:

XX Meeting of SCAR, Dr J. Croxall
(SC-CAMLR-VII/12)

1988 Annual Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee,
Dr W. de la Mare
(SC-CAMLR-VII/BG/42)

76th Statutory Meeting of ICES, Dr O. Østvedt
(SC-CAMLR-VII/BG/45)

7.2 The observers presented their reports to the Scientific Committee. Actions required of the Scientific Committee arising from these meetings are reported and discussed in detail under the relevant agenda items.

7.3 A large number of SCAR groups met in association with XX SCAR and many of these discussed items of relevance to CCAMLR. The report of the CCAMLR observer (SC-CAMLR-VII/12) summarises the highlights of the main meetings. The annexes to the report contain reports of the following meetings:

- Bird Biology Subcommittee of SCAR Working Group on Biology
- Group of Specialists on Seals
- Group of Specialists on Southern Ocean Ecology.

7.4 The attention of the Scientific Committee was drawn to some specific suggestions addressed to CCAMLR, in particular related to changes in selected species and sites of CEMP, changes in the status of existing protected sites of relevance to CEMP, proposals on monitoring the effect of plastic pollution and entanglement in marine debris on marine animals, and possible initiatives involving establishment of marine buffer zones.

7.5 It was decided that the requests by SCAR for CCAMLR to establish programs monitoring levels and effects of plastic pollution and entanglement in marine debris on marine birds and seals should be referred to the Commission.

7.6 The SCAR also established two new sub-groups on krill biology and physiology and on fish biology and physiology. Both groups were seen as entirely complementary to the CCAMLR groups.

7.7 An introduction to the BIOMASS data base gives details on the work of the BIOMASS Data Centre and its services (SC-CAMLR-VII/BG/27). The meeting of the BIOMASS Executive in September 1988 encouraged co-operation between the BIOMASS Data Centre and the CCAMLR Data Base. It was suggested that in future both data bases could work closer together or even might be merged. The Scientific Committee welcomed these opportunities.

7.8 The item of central interest in the report of the CCAMLR observer at the 1988 Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee (SC-IWC) was the further planning of the Joint IWC/CCAMLR Workshop on the feeding ecology of baleen whales. This is described in detail in the separate documents SC-CAMLR-VII/BG/8 and SC-CAMLR-VII/BG/9 and paragraphs 5.45 to 5.55 of this report. The SC-IWC has continued its work on the Comprehensive Assessment of Whale Stocks. The planned workshop for the analyses of genetic and biochemical materials to assist in stock identification is of particular interest to CCAMLR.

7.9 A joint cruise to study Antarctic biology, the European 'Polarstern' Study (EPOS) of the European Science Foundation (ESF) was commenced in October 1988 and would continue for six months (SC-CAMLR-VII/BG/29). Seven CCAMLR members out of twelve participating countries are taking part in this study. This cruise is in three legs, studying sea-ice biota, pelagic systems and fish and benthos.

7.10 A calendar of future meetings was discussed (CCAMLR-VII/BG/16) and it was agreed that the Scientific Committee would be represented at the meetings as indicated below:

77th Statutory Meeting of ICES, Netherlands, 5–12 October, 1989

- Dr O. Østvedt

1989 Annual Meeting of IWC Scientific Committee, USA

20 May – 5 June, 1989

- Dr W. de la Mare

Meeting of the BIOMASS Executive, Spain, June 1989

- Dr J.-C. Hureau

SCAR Workshop on 'Ecology of the Antarctic Sea Ice Zone', Norway
September or October, 1989

- Dr J.-C. Hureau

EPOS-related meetings, FRG during 1989

- Dr J.-C. Hureau