

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH 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 6 to 10 November, 1989 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) and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) attended the meeting as observers. Observers from the Acceding States of Italy, Peru, Sweden and Uruguay participated by invitation.

1.4 Observers were welcomed and encouraged to participate, as appropriate, in discussion of agenda items 2 through 9.

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 and squid resources; Dr J. Beddington, (UK) fish resources; Dr J. Croxall (UK), ecosystem monitoring and management; Dr J. Bengtson (USA) marine mammal and bird populations; and Mr P. Heyward (Australia) all other items.

* The first part of the number relates to the appropriate item of the agenda (see Annex 3).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.7 The Chairman noted that as a result of discussion with the Convener of the Commission's Working Group for the Development of Approaches to Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (WG-DAC), Australia, an additional item 'Development of Approaches to Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources' was proposed after the preparation and distribution of the Preliminary Agenda. Explanatory notes had been distributed to Members as required.

1.8 The Provisional Agenda for the meeting had been circulated to Members in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. No amendments to the Provisional Agenda were proposed and the Agenda was adopted (Annex 3).

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

1.9 The Chairman noted that Members had continued their work during the intersessional period with several meetings taking place. He thanked the conveners, rapporteurs, participants, host countries and the Secretariat for contributing to the success of these meetings.

1.10 A Workshop on the Krill CPUE Simulation Study (WS-KCPUE) was held at the Southwest Fisheries Centre, La Jolla, USA from 7 to 13 June 1989 (Convener Dr Beddington) and a meeting of the Working Group on Krill (WG-Krill) at the same venue from 14 to 20 June 1989 (Convener, Mr D. Miller, South Africa). The Report of the Workshop was distributed as SC-CAMLR-VIII/3. The Report of the Working Group meeting was distributed as SC-CAMLR-VIII/4 and a report on the meeting by the Convener as SC-CAMLR-VIII/5.

1.11 The Working Group for the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (WG-CEMP) met in Mar del Plata, Argentina from 23 to 30 August 1989 (Convener, Dr K. Kerry, Australia). The Report of the meeting was distributed as SC-CAMLR-VIII/6.

1.12 The Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment met in Hobart, Australia from 25 October to 2 November 1989 (Convener, Dr K.-H. Kock, FRG). The Report of the meeting was distributed as SC-CAMLR-VIII/7.

1.13 The Chairman noted that the Commission had received STATLANT reports from three Members (France, UK and USSR) on harvesting of finfish, with a total of 104 397 tonnes being caught, and reports from three Members (Japan, Republic of Korea and USSR) on harvesting of krill with 382 205 tonnes being caught. Chile and Poland subsequently reported catches of krill (5 394 tonnes and 7 871 tonnes respectively) bringing the total krill catch to 395 470 tonnes. A report from one Member (UK) had also been received on harvesting of squid, with a total of 8 tonnes being caught.

1.14 The Chairman reported on documents available for consideration by the Scientific Committee. Twelve Members' Activities Reports were submitted, nine had been received by the Secretariat by the deadline set, 11 Working Papers were submitted, nine had been received by the Secretariat by the deadline set, and 57 Background Papers were submitted, 23 had been received by the Secretariat by the deadline set.