

COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

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

77th Statutory Meeting of ICES, Dr O. Østvedt (SC-CAMLR-VIII/BG/55)

1989 Annual Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee, Dr W de la Mare (SC-CAMLR-VIII/10)

Meeting of the BIOMASS Executive, Prof. J.-C. Hureau

EPOS-related meetings, Prof. J.-C. Hureau

8.2 The observers to ICES and IWC Scientific Committee presented their reports to the Scientific Committee. As Prof. Hureau was not present, Dr Kock reported on EPOS related meetings, and Dr Croxall reported on the meeting of the BIOMASS Executive. Dr Croxall also reported that the SCAR Workshop in Norway on 'Ecology of the Antarctic Sea Ice Zone', which Prof. Hureau was to have attended as SC-CAMLR observer, had been postponed until 17 to 24 May 1990.

8.3 In presenting his report on the ICES meeting, Dr Østvedt noted that the Secretariat held abstracts of papers presented at the ICES meeting, and mentioned that the work of a number of ICES working groups was relevant to the work of the Scientific Committee, particularly in relation to collection of environmental monitoring data and stock assessment techniques. The work of working groups dealing with the application of hydroacoustic methods to zooplankton and mesh selectivity was also mentioned.

8.4 In presenting his report on the IWC Scientific Committee meeting, Dr de la Mare discussed the progress being made in the evaluation of assessment methodology and alternative management procedures. He also reported on the latest population estimates of the large whales of the Southern Ocean, noting that even allowing that there are high coefficients of variation for the estimates, the numbers are low, but the estimates in some cases require adjustment for incomplete survey coverage and that further revisions could be expected.

8.5 The Scientific Committee was informed that SCAR had published 'The Biology and Ecology of Antarctic Krill - A Review', (D. Miller and I. Hampton), BIOMASS Scientific Series No. 9, 1989, with financial support from CCAMLR. The Chairman noted that copies of the publication had been sent to the Secretariat.

8.6 Dr Croxall noted that the BIOMASS Executive had decided that the colloquium for final evaluation of the BIOMASS program is now to be held from 18 to 21 September 1991 back to back with the SCAR Antarctic Science Conference in Federal Republic of Germany. Before the colloquium, a suite of workshops finalising evaluation of SIBEX data will be held. Once details of these are available, they will be provided to the Secretariat. The Executive also discussed the future of the BIOMASS Data Centre. The centre will remain at the British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge until 1994. If funding for its maintenance is not available after that date, the Executive recommended that it be transferred to the CCAMLR.

8.7 Dr Kock noted that there will be a meeting in early December in Texel, Netherlands to discuss the results of the first two EPOS cruise legs, and a Workshop on fish research conducted as part of EPOS tentatively scheduled for 1990.

8.8 The Observer from SCAR (Dr Kerry) noted that SCAR XXI will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, from 15 to 27 July 1990, and that the Sub-Committee on Bird Biology and the Group of Specialists on Seals are both to meet then.

8.9 The Observer from IOC (Dr P. Rothlisberg) submitted a paper (SC-CAMLR-VIII/BG/57) on IOC activities in the Southern Ocean. The paper had earlier been submitted to the Fifteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting. He also mentioned IOC activities of relevance to CCAMLR which were not detailed in the paper, including the OSLR (Ocean Science in Relation to Living Resources) Program.

8.10 The proposal from the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) that CCAMLR sign a Memorandum of Understanding on the Global Plan of Action for Conservation, Management and Utilisation of Marine Mammals was discussed. The proposal, to be discussed in the Commission, is detailed in CCAMLR-VIII/8, and the objectives of the Global Plan are summarised in CCAMLR-VIII/BG/13.

8.11 The Scientific Committee agreed that the appropriate response to the proposal would be for the Executive Secretary to convey to UNEP that the provisions of CCAMLR, the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals (CCAS) and other elements of the Antarctic Treaty System adequately address the relevant parts of the Global Plan as it applies

to the Antarctic and that CCAMLR would be happy to provide UNEP with reports of its work which might be of relevance.

8.12 After consideration of the reports of observers, it was agreed that the Scientific Committee would be represented at future meetings as indicated below:

78th Statutory Meeting of ICES, 1 to 12 October, Copenhagen, Denmark

- Dr O. Østvedt

1990 Annual Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee, 10 to 23 June 1990, Noordwinkerhout, Netherlands

- Dr W. de la Mare

SCAR Workshop on 'Ecology of the Antarctic Sea Ice Zone', 17 to 24 May 1990, Norway

- Prof. J.-C. Hureau, or if he is unable to assume this role, Dr J. Croxall

XXIth Meeting of SCAR, Sao Paulo, Brazil

- Dr J. Croxall