

OTHER BUSINESS

Access to and Use of CCAMLR Data

13.1 The Scientific Committee discussed the purposes and circumstances under which data submitted to the CCAMLR Data Centre could be used. The status and appropriate use of documents tabled at meetings of the Commission, the Scientific Committee, or any of their subsidiary bodies were also discussed. In particular, the results of previous discussions within the WG-FSA (SC-CAMLR-VII, paragraph 3.3) and the WG-CEMP (SC-CAMLR-VIII/6, paragraphs 116 to 118) were considered.

13.2 The Scientific Committee stated its understanding (paragraphs 13.3 to 13.7) regarding the appropriate uses of CCAMLR data and papers. The Scientific Committee recommended that the Commission should confirm whether or not the Scientific Committee's understanding is correct.

13.3 All data submitted to the CCAMLR Data Centre should be freely available to Members for analysis and preparation of papers for use within the CCAMLR Commission, Scientific Committee, and their subsidiary bodies.

13.4 The originators/owners of the data should retain control over any use of their unpublished data outside of CCAMLR.

13.5 When Members request access to data for the purpose of undertaking analyses or preparing papers to be considered by future meetings of CCAMLR bodies, the Secretariat should supply the data and inform the originators/owners of the data. When data are requested for other purposes, the Secretariat will, in response to a detailed request, supply the data only after permission has been given by the originators/owners of the data.

13.6 Data contained in papers prepared for meetings of the Commission, Scientific Committee, and their subsidiary bodies should not be cited or used in the preparation of papers to be published outside of CCAMLR without the permission of the originators/owners of the data. Furthermore, because inclusion of papers in the 'Selected Scientific Papers' series or any other of the Commission's or Scientific Committee's publications constitutes formal publication, written permission to publish papers prepared for meetings of the

Commission, Scientific Committee and Working Groups should be obtained from the originators/owners of the data and authors of papers.

13.7 The following statement should be placed on the cover page of all unpublished working papers and background documents tabled:

This paper is presented for consideration by CCAMLR and may contain unpublished data, analyses, and/or conclusions subject to change. Data contained in this paper should not be cited or used for purposes other than the work of the CCAMLR Commission, Scientific Committee, or their subsidiary bodies without the permission of the originators/owners of the data.

Environmental Data Collection

13.8 Dr Barrett noting Dr Lubimova's comments on the need for more cooperation, made a proposal to contribute to the collection of environmental data. This involved the development of a standardised grid of oceanographic stations throughout the CCAMLR Convention Statistical Areas and a suite of data collection methods which would initially be applied, as far as possible, by any vessel at a station. Dr Barrett offered to prepare a tentative station pattern and suite of methods for consideration by the Working Groups of the Scientific Committee.

13.9 The proposal received general support, although it was recognised that the establishment of such a program would be beyond the scope of existing working groups. It was also recognised that this program may overlap with some existing international programs such as the Joint Global Ocean Flux Study (JGOFS) and the International Geosphere Biosphere Program (IGBP) and others referred to in SC-CAMLR-VIII/BG/57.

13.10 It was agreed that the Scientific Committee would welcome an indication from Dr Barrett as to the development of the program, including the criteria for station selection, and information on the scope of other initiatives, to prevent overlap and duplication.

Scientific Committee Papers

13.11 Dr Shimadzu raised three points in relation to papers submitted to the Scientific Committee's meeting:

- (a) some papers had been dealt with by working groups and need not be submitted to the Scientific Committee;
- (b) some papers may not have been given the degree of consideration that might have been warranted; and
- (c) many papers arrived after the deadlines for submission, precluding early distribution.

13.12 In relation to (a) it was agreed that a paper should not be re-submitted after consideration by a working group unless it had been revised in the light of that consideration, in which case this should be indicated by the author of the paper in the revised draft. It was also agreed that Members should target their papers correctly; to a working group, as a background paper to discussion or as a working paper.

13.13 As a general response to these problems, it was proposed that the Chairman review all background papers received by the deadline with a view to determining whether they were germane to the item proposed and had been correctly targeted. The results of this review, including considerations of which papers it was not appropriate to consider, should be discussed with Scientific Committee representatives at the meeting just prior to the commencement of the annual meeting. Those papers received after the deadline would not be submitted to the Scientific Committee or its Working Groups unless they were the result of requests from the Commission or Scientific Committee.

Application by ASOC for Observer Status

13.14 Late in the meeting the Chairman received a letter from Ms L. Goldsworthy (ASOC Observer to the Commission) which requested access to the Scientific Committee as an observer. It was recalled that the Commission had decided that the ASOC observer should only have access to the plenary sessions of the Commission (CCAMLR-VIII, paragraphs 153 to 156). Some Members supported ASOC's involvement in the Scientific Committee's work, but it was agreed that the decision on the issue should be made in the Commission.

Rules of Procedure

13.15 A proposal had been made for a change in Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure to ensure that a Chairman of the Scientific Committee is not also a representative of or adviser to a Member. This paralleled a proposal made to the Commission. It was pointed out that changes to the Scientific Committee's Rules of Procedure must be endorsed by the Commission.