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The Scientific Committee's program is mainly comprised of working group meetings and workshops for which a significant part of the expenditure is for translation and preparation for publication of reports. In order to minimise publication costs and to improve translation quality, both of these functions are carried out by contracted staff in the Secretariat. Thus, although the Scientific Committee's budget is presented as a list of distinct projects (e.g. working group meetings) some of the costs would be incurred whether or not particular projects were approved.

2. Annex 8 of SC-CAMLR-VIII contains forecasts of funding requirements for the scientific program in 1991 and has been used as a basis for estimating expenditure in this item. The budgeted amount of A\$93 900 includes allowance for the following:

1991		1992
19 000	Working Group on Krill	20 200
24 400	Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment	26 000
22 200	Ecosystem Monitoring Program	23 600
31 100	Travel for Scientific Committee Program	33 100
9 000	Southern Elephant Seal Workshop	0
2 600	CCAMLR Exhibit at Antarctic Science Conference	0
7 600	Contingency	7 200
115 900	Sub Total	110 100
	Less drawings from the Norwegian Contribution	
22 000	Special Fund	14 100
A\$93 900	Total from Commission Budget	A\$96 000

3. At its Eighth Meeting the Commission agreed that the Working Group on Krill (WG-Krill) should meet in 1990. The WG-Krill will need to meet in 1991.

4. The Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (WG-FSA) has responsibility to provide expert advice to the Scientific Committee on the status of finfish in the Convention Area. A meeting of WG-FSA will be needed in 1991.

5. The Working Group for the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (WG-CEMP) is considering a number of substantive topics particularly addressing experimental design and data analysis techniques following its adoption of the Second Edition of the Standard Methods and the submission of data to the CCAMLR Data Centre. Its work is closely linked

with that of the WG-Krill. There will be a need for a meeting of WG-CEMP in 1991. The budget of A\$22 200 includes an amount for the translation and publication of the Second Edition of the CEMP Standard Methods.

6. As a result of a decision taken at the Fifth Meeting of the Commission, travel for Secretariat staff associated with the Scientific Committee program is included in the Scientific Committee budget. The amount provides for travel by staff members to give necessary support to WG-Krill and WG-CEMP.

7. The Scientific Committee has supported a SCAR recommendation that CCAMLR support a workshop to examine the reasons for the decline in the southern Indian Ocean population of elephant seals (SC-CAMLR-IX/BG/22). A SCAR Symposium is already scheduled for May 1991 in Santa Cruz, California to discuss elephant seal biology in general and advantage should be taken of the presence at this meeting of elephant seal specialists to hold a short workshop to discuss the problem of southern elephant seals. The Scientific Committee recommends that this workshop be held for four days in conjunction with the SCAR Symposium. Funds are sought to support the attendance of three southern elephant seal experts not already present at the Symposium for the four-day workshop and to provide subsistence for three people for these four days. The total cost of this will be A\$9 000.

8. The Scientific Committee has recommended that CCAMLR should participate in the Antarctic Science Conference to be held in Bremen in September 1991. It is anticipated that travel by a member of the Secretariat to this meeting could be linked with travel to one of the Working Group meetings and therefore funds are sought only for the production of a suitable exhibit for the poster session of the Conference and subsistence for three days (A\$2 600).

9. Annex 8 of SC-CAMLR-VIII forecasts the amount to be drawn from the Norwegian Contribution Special Fund at A\$2 000. However, due to savings in expenditure and the deferral of the Joint CCAMLR/IWC Workshop, no drawings were made from the fund in 1989. This results in A\$22 000 being available to be drawn from the fund in 1991.