

REPORT OF THE NINTH 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 I. Everson (UK) from 22 to 29 October 1990 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, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom and United States of America.

1.3 The representatives of France, Dr G. Duhamel (a Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Committee), and Poland, Dr W. Slosarczyk, sent their apologies to the Meeting. The Chairman acknowledged their absence with regret and in particular, extended his sympathies to Dr Slosarczyk, wishing him a speedy return to health.

1.4 The Chairman commemorated Dr John Gulland FRS to the Scientific Committee. Dr Gulland, who was an active participant in the work of the Scientific Committee for many years, died on 24 June 1990.

1.5 Observers were welcomed and encouraged to participate, as appropriate, in discussion of Agenda Items 2 through 11.

1.6 A List of Participants is in Annex 1. A List of Documents considered during the session is in Annex 2.

1.7 Responsibility for the preparation of the Scientific Committee's Report was assigned to the following rapporteurs: Mr D. Miller (South Africa), krill resources; Dr J. Beddington (UK), fish resources; Dr J. Croxall (UK), squid resources and ecosystem monitoring and management; Dr J. Bengtson (USA), marine mammal and bird populations and incidental mortality; Dr A. Constable (Australia), Development of Approaches to Conservation; and Dr D. Agnew (Secretariat) all other items.

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

Adoption of the Agenda

1.8 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 The Second Meeting of the Working Group on Krill (WG-Krill) was held in Leningrad, USSR from 27 August to 3 September 1990 (Convener, Mr D. Miller, South Africa). The Report of the WG-Krill Meeting was distributed as SC-CAMLR-IX/4 and a Report on the Meeting by the Convener as SC-CAMLR-IX/5.

1.11 The Working Group for the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (WG-CEMP) met in Stockholm, Sweden from 6 to 13 September 1990 (Convener, Dr J. Bengtson, USA). The Report of the WG-CEMP Meeting was distributed as SC-CAMLR-IX/6 and a Summary of the Meeting by the Convener was presented in SC-CAMLR-IX/11.

1.12 The Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (WG-FSA) met in Hobart, Australia from 9 to 18 October 1990 (Convener Dr K.-H. Kock, Germany). The Report of the WG-FSA Meeting was distributed as SC-CAMLR-IX/7.

1.13 The Chairman reported on documents available for consideration by the Scientific Committee. Fifteen Members' Activities Reports were submitted, three had been received by the Secretariat by the deadline set; 12 Working Papers were submitted, four had been received by the Secretariat by the deadline set; and 22 Background Papers were submitted, seven had been received by the Secretariat by the deadline set. The total number of papers tabled for consideration by the Scientific Committee and its Working Groups was 165, compared to 155 in 1989. There had been a re-organisation of papers this year, most being tabled for working group meetings in contrast to a large number of background papers submitted to the Scientific Committee in 1989.