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### **Functions and Tasks of International Scientific Observers On Board Commercial Fishing Vessels**

The function of scientific observers on board commercial fishing vessels is to observe and report on the operation of fishing activities in the Convention Area with the objectives and principles of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources firmly in mind.

2. In fulfilling this function, scientific observers will undertake the following tasks or see that they are undertaken, using the observation formats appended to the Report of the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (Appendix D, Annex 6):

- (i) record details of the vessel's operation (e.g. partition of time between searching, fishing, transit etc., and details of hauls);
- (ii) record details of finfish and krill catches and take samples to determine biological characteristics;
- (iii) record the procedures by which catch weight is measured and determine the conversion factor between green weight and final product;
- (v) record by-catch species, their quantity and other biological data;
- (vi) observe and record entanglement and incidental mortality of birds and mammals;
- (vii) prepare reports of their observations.