

REPORT OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

(Hobart, Australia, 21 to 25 October 1991)

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1* The Scientific Committee for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources met under the Chairmanship of Mr O. Østvedt (Norway) from 21 to 25 October 1991 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, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom and United States of America.

1.3 The Chairman extended a special welcome to Dr G. Duhamel, a Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Committee, who was unable to attend the last meeting. Best wishes were extended to Prof. T. Lubimova (USSR) the other Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Committee, who was unable to attend, having retired in 1991.

1.4 The Chairman commemorated two colleagues, Dr Dick Hennemuth (USA) and Sr Jeronimo Bravo de Laguna (Spain). Both had contributed substantially to the program of work of CCAMLR. Dick Hennemuth was the first Convener of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment and died in February 1991. Jeronimo Bravo de Laguna was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Inspection in 1989 and died in June 1991.

1.5 Observers from the Netherlands, Uruguay, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) were welcomed and encouraged to participate as appropriate, in discussion of Agenda Items 2 to 11.

1.6 In 1990, the Scientific Committee considered whether ASOC (Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition) should be invited to attend as an observer (SC-CAMLR-IX, paragraph 9.9).

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

1.7 At the 1990 meeting, all delegations except Japan accepted that ASOC could be invited so long as the following conditions were contained in any letter of invitation to ASOC (SC-CAMLR-IX, paragraph 9.13):

- the observer nominated should possess a suitable scientific qualification;
- the invitation would only apply to the the meeting stipulated in the letter;
- until such time as the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee were amended, ASOC's participation would be in accordance with the conditions set down in Rules 32 to 34 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure; and
- that the absolute confidentiality of data and results discussed in the meeting of the Scientific Committee be observed where these were not subsequently published in the report of the meeting of the Scientific Committee.

1.8 The Japanese Delegation (SC-CAMLR-IX, paragraph 9.15) expressed the views that:

- (i) the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee are not adequate concerning the attendance of observers;
- (ii) ASOC's attendance at the Scientific Committee would undermine the confidentiality of data; and
- (iii) as ASOC is a 'movement', the Scientific Committee would not benefit from the presence of an ASOC observer at the Committee.

1.9 At the present meeting, the Japanese Delegation accepted that ASOC could be invited to attend the Tenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee, so long as the conditions laid out in SC-CAMLR-IX, paragraph 9.13 (paragraph 1.7 above) were met, and that additionally it was clearly stated in the letter that:

- (i) one representative will be designated and only that representative will attend the meeting;
- (ii) the representative will attend only the plenary sessions of the Scientific Committee;

(iii) the confidentiality of discussions at the plenary meeting will be observed; and

(iv) this invitation will apply only to this meeting of the Scientific Committee.

1.10 The Executive Secretary was asked to write to ASOC inviting them to attend under the conditions given in SC-CAMLR-IX, paragraph 9.13 and paragraph 1.9 above.

1.11 ASOC subsequently accepted the invitation under these conditions and was represented at the meeting as an observer.

1.12 A List of Participants is given in Annex 1. A List of Documents considered during the meeting is given in Annex 2.

1.13 Responsibility for the preparation of the Scientific Committee's Report was assigned to the following Rapporteurs: Mr D. Miller (South Africa), Krill Resources; Prof. J. Beddington and Dr I. Everson (UK), Fish Resources; Dr A. Constable (Australia), Other Resources, and Developments of Approaches to Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources; Dr J. Croxall (UK), Ecosystem Monitoring and Management; Dr J. Bengtson (USA), Marine Mammal and Bird Populations and Assessment of Incidental Mortality; Mr P. Heyward (Australia), CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation; and Dr D. Agnew (Secretariat) all other items.

Adoption of the Agenda

1.14 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

1.15 During the intersessional period, Members participated in a number of meetings. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Scientific Committee to all those who contributed to the success of the meetings under CCAMLR, Conveners, Rapporteurs, the Secretariat and last but not least, the countries hosting the meetings.

1.16 In this regard, the Chairman thanked the Delegations of the USSR and Spain for hosting the Working Group on Krill (WG-Krill) and the Working Group for the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (WG-CEMP) respectively.

1.17 The Third Meeting of WG-Krill, chaired by the Convener Mr Miller, was held in Yalta, USSR, from 22 to 30 July 1991. The report of this meeting was distributed as SC-CAMLR-X/4.

1.18 The Sixth Meeting of WG-CEMP was held at the Instituto Español de Oceanografía, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, from 5 to 13 August 1991. The meeting was chaired by the Convener, Dr Bengtson. The report of this meeting was distributed as SC-CAMLR-X/6.

1.19 The Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (WG-FSA) met in Hobart, Australia, from 8 to 17 October, 1991 and was chaired by the Convener, Dr K.-H. Kock (Germany). The report of this meeting was distributed as SC-CAMLR-X/5.

1.20 Other major events this year were the BIOMASS Colloquium held in Bremerhaven from 18 to 21 September followed by the SCAR Conference: Antarctic Science - Global Concern, in Bremen from 23 to 27 September. CCAMLR was represented at this Conference by Dr E. Sabourenkov (Science Officer) who presented a poster on CCAMLR's objectives and research program.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF OBSERVERS

2.1 The draft amendment to the Rules of Procedure (SC-CAMLR-IX, Annex 8), distributed as SC-CAMLR-X/3, was considered.

2.2 After some discussion, an amended version of this draft was agreed and the Scientific Committee recommended that the Commission approve this amendment to the Rules of Procedure (Annex 4).

2.3 Concerning Rule 20(a), the Executive Secretary was urged to use facsimile when notifying Argentina of the draft agenda for meetings.