

**REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING
OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**
(Hobart, Australia, 26 to 30 October 1992)

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 26 to 30 October 1992 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, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

1.3 The Chairman welcomed observers from Bulgaria, Finland, Greece, Ukraine, Uruguay, the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and the World Conservation Union (IUCN) to the meeting and encouraged them to participate in the meeting as appropriate.

1.4 An observer from the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC) had been invited to attend the proceedings of the Scientific Committee by the Executive Secretary in accordance with rules of procedure for the attendance of observers to meetings of the Scientific Committee. The Japanese Delegation stated that it understood that the observer was attending under the conditions laid out in SC-CAMLR-X, paragraph 1.9. Amendments based on these conditions were endorsed by the Commission at its last meeting and are given in Appendix 4 of SC-CAMLR-X.

1.5 The Chairman commemorated Mr Wieslaw Slosarczyk, from the Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia, Poland, who died on 3 March 1992 after a long illness. Wieslaw made great individual contributions to the work of the Scientific Committee and the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment, attending meetings from 1984 to 1989. As a measure of the high regard in which he was held by his colleagues, he was elected a Vice Chairman of the Scientific Committee at SC-CAMLR-IV for a two-year term. Although only 41 when he died, he had an outstanding career in Antarctic research.

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

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

1.7 The following rapporteurs were appointed to prepare the report of the Scientific Committee:

- Dr M. Basson (UK), Krill Resources;
- Dr W. de la Mare (Australia), Fish Resources;
- Dr R. Holt (USA), Other Resources;
- Dr J. Croxall (UK), Ecosystem Monitoring and Management;
- Dr J. Bengtson (USA), Marine Mammal and Bird Populations and Assessment of Incidental Mortality;
- Mr D. Miller (South Africa), CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation and Scientific Exemption Provisions;
- Dr D. Agnew (Secretariat), all other matters.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.8 The Provisional Agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Agenda was adopted with one amendment, the raising of Agenda item 5(ii), "Report of the Joint Meeting of the Working Groups on Krill and CEMP" to a full agenda item as Item 6 (Annex 3).

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

1.9 During the intersessional period Members had participated in a number of meetings. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Chile and Germany for hosting these meetings, and to Conveners, Members, Rapporteurs and the Secretariat for ensuring their success.

1.10 The Working Group on Krill (WG-Krill) met from 27 July to 3 August 1992 in Punta Arenas, Chile and was chaired by the Convener, Mr Miller. The Working Group for the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (WG-CEMP) met in Viña del Mar, Chile from 7 to 12 August 1992, and was chaired by the Convener, Dr Bengtson. A joint meeting of these two Working Groups from 5 to 6 August 1992 was also held in Viña del Mar, and was chaired by the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Mr Østvedt.

1.11 A Workshop on the Design of Bottom Trawl Surveys was held from 16 to 19 September 1992 in Hamburg, Germany, chaired by the Convener, Dr K.-H. Kock (Germany).

1.12 The Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (WG-FSA) met in Hobart, Australia, from 13 to 21 October 1992. Dr I. Everson (UK), the Convener, was unable to attend the meeting and the Chairman expressed his thanks to Dr Kock for chairing the meeting in Dr Everson's absence.

1.13 The report of WG-Krill is attached as Annex 4, that of the joint meeting as Annex 8, that of WG-CEMP as Annex 7, and that of WG-FSA as Annex 5. The report of the Workshop on the Design of Bottom Trawl Surveys is appended to the report of WG-FSA as Appendix H.

1.14 The Scientific Committee had been represented as an observer at a number of international meetings during the intersessional period. As appointed at last year's meeting (S-CAMLR-X, paragraph 11.15) Mr E. Balguerías (Spain) had been an observer for the Scientific Committee at the 80th Statutory Meeting of ICES, Dr de la Mare at the meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee and Dr Croxall at SCAR meetings. Although the Chairman of the Scientific Committee had been nominated to represent CCAMLR at the FAO Technical Consultation on High Seas Fishing, held at FAO headquarters from 7 to 15 September 1992, he had been unable to attend and Mr S. Olsen (Norway) had agreed to act as observer in his place.