

PUBLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

11.1 The Secretariat had prepared a review of publications policy of the Scientific Committee (SC-CAMLR-XI/3). The primary objectives of publishing scientific papers submitted to CCAMLR meetings were identified as:

- (i) to provide a complete record of and to facilitate access to documents that have been used in discussions leading to management decisions;
- (ii) to foster a high standard of scientific work on which CCAMLR activities are based;
- (iii) to promote scientific work on CCAMLR objectives through the worldwide distribution of original research papers of high scientific value; and
- (iv) to provide in one readily identifiable volume, a record of the best scientific work undertaken in pursuit of the CCAMLR objectives.

11.2 The Scientific Committee endorsed the conclusions of the paper that some of these objectives were not being met by the present publication of the *Selected Scientific Papers (SSP)*. It therefore recommended that:

- (i) a new publication, *CCAMLR Scientific Abstracts* be introduced. This publication will consist of abstracts of all scientific papers submitted to CCAMLR;
- (ii) CCAMLR work towards lifting the standard of publication of *SSP* to that of an internationally recognised scientific journal;
- (iii) as the first steps in working towards this objective, the current publication procedure for *SSP* be upgraded to include the review of papers before publication by reviewers nominated by the Editorial Board.

11.3 The Scientific Committee recognised that raising the standard of the *SSP* in this way would help to ensure that CCAMLR was seen to be performing high quality science which is of major benefit to CCAMLR.

11.4 The estimated cost of (i) above was recognised to be about A\$8 700.

11.5 Several technical points were made about both publications. These were referred to a special meeting of the Editorial Board to be held after the Scientific Committee meeting which would consider ways of implementing the developments outlined in paragraph 11.2.