

REVIEW AND PLANNING OF THE PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

12.1 The Scientific Committee agreed that all three Working Groups should meet during the intersessional period.

12.2 An offer was made by Japan to host the meeting of WG-Krill and by the Republic of Korea to host the meeting of WG-CEMP. The Scientific Committee expressed its thanks to Japan and Korea and accepted these offers.

WG-Krill will meet from 4 to 12 August, 1993 in Tokyo, Japan

WG-CEMP will meet from 16 to 23 August, 1993 in Seoul, Republic of Korea

WG-FSA will meet from 12 to 21 October, 1993 in Hobart, Australia

12.3 Additionally, a Workshop on the Design of Approaches to Managing the *P. spinosissima* Fishery in Statistical Area 48 will be held in 1993. The USA offered to host this Workshop in La Jolla, California, in April or May. This offer was gratefully accepted.

12.4 Concerning the meeting of the Conveners of the Working Groups, originally scheduled for 25 October 1992 (SC-CAMLR-X, paragraph 12.4) the Scientific Committee agreed that this should take place within the week of the Commission meeting, and that it should aim to ensure that the Working Groups adopt a common approach to matters of common interest. As an example, the protocols for submission of papers to the meetings should be common (Annex 4, paragraphs 7.3 to 7.7; Annex 5, paragraph 10.3).

12.5 The Secretariat has been asked to maintain and annually distribute a summary of national research plans, according to procedures adopted at SC-CAMLR-IX. Only two Members had submitted reports in the agreed standard format (New Zealand and Norway). Other Members provided a brief description of their plans in their Members' Activities reports to the Commission. The complete information available to the Secretariat did not enable the compilation of the required summary.

12.6 The Scientific Committee agreed that since few Members were submitting reports in the agreed format, and since most Working Groups now considered a review of research plans in their agenda, there was no further need for the reporting of national research plans and their collation by the Secretariat.

12.7 In the absence of a compilation, Norway reported that it is starting up a monitoring program on seabirds and seals in the Antarctic scheduled for the NARE-1992/93 expedition. The activities will be limited to helicopter transects for estimating distribution and abundance of crabeater seals and preliminary performance of Antarctic petrels. A more comprehensive program is under preparation and will include CEMP monitoring of fur seals, chinstrap and macaroni penguins on Bouvet Island.

12.8 Japan reported that it would continue to census Adélie penguins at and around Syowa Station, Antarctica to provide estimates of breeding success and penguin densities.