

OTHER BUSINESS

ACCESS TO CCAMLR DATA CENTRE DATA

16.1 The topic of the rules and procedures relating to access to data in the CCAMLR Data Centre was raised in several Working Groups, most specifically in WG-CEMP (Annex 7, paragraphs 9.1 to 9.2) and the Scientific Committee had been asked to consider this matter (Annex 7, paragraph 9.3).

16.2 The main concerns were that at present:

- (i) data requested for work relating to CCAMLR meetings was supplied by the Secretariat without the owners/originators of the data having any indication of the reason for the request. This had the potential to create difficulties if the requester later proposed to publish outside of CCAMLR the results of his work; and
- (ii) that the Secretariat could be faced with requests for data from individuals who had no previous connections with CCAMLR. It therefore seemed desirable to ensure that such individuals were proceeding with the knowledge and approval of the appropriate Member's representative and in compliance with CCAMLR's policy of data access and use.

16.3 Accordingly the following additions (in bold face) to the existing rules of access to CCAMLR data (CCAMLR-VIII, paragraph 64) were proposed.

- (a) All data submitted to the CCAMLR Data Centre should be freely available to Members for analysis and preparation of papers for use within the CCAMLR Commission, Scientific Committee and their subsidiary bodies.
- (b) The originators/owners of the data should retain control over any use of their unpublished data outside of CCAMLR.
- (c) **Requests to the Secretariat by individual scientists of a Member for access to data in the CCAMLR Data Centre will only be considered if the request has been approved in writing by the Representative to the Scientific Committee (or his nominated deputy) of that Member.**

The Representative is responsible for informing the individual scientist requesting the data, of the rules governing access to CCAMLR data and for obtaining the requester's agreement to comply with these rules.

- (d) When Members request access to data for the purpose of undertaking analyses or preparing papers to be considered by future meetings of CCAMLR bodies, **they should indicate the reason for the request and the nature of envisaged data analysis.** The Secretariat should supply the data and inform the originators/owners of the data **of this action, together with the details of the original request.** When data are requested for purposes **other than consideration by future meetings of CCAMLR bodies,** the Secretariat will, in response to a detailed request, supply the data only after permission has been given by the originators/owners of the data.
- (e) Data contained in papers prepared for meetings of the Commission, Scientific Committee, and their subsidiary bodies should not be cited or used in the preparation of papers to be published outside of CCAMLR without the permission of the originators/owners of the data. Furthermore, because inclusion of papers in the *Selected Scientific Papers* series or any other of the Commission's or Scientific Committee's publications, constitutes formal publication, written permission to publish papers prepared for meetings of the Commission, Scientific Committee and Working Groups should be obtained from the originators/owners of the data and authors of papers.
- (f) The following statements should be placed on the cover page of all unpublished working papers and background documents tabled:

This paper is presented for consideration by CCAMLR and may contain unpublished data, analyses, and/or conclusions subject to change. Data contained in this paper should not be cited or used for purposes other than the work of the CCAMLR Commission, Scientific Committee or their subsidiary bodies without the permission of the originators/owners of the data.

16.4 Dr S. Nicol (Australia) commented on the benefit of dialogue between fishing operators and scientists. This has been possible because of the attendance of some of the former at meetings of the Working Groups. The Scientific Committee agreed that it would be useful to investigate the possibility of organising such dialogue meetings to take place at some time, perhaps adjacent to Working Group meetings, and encouraged Members to consider this matter when organising

meetings. These dialogues would also help to determine which fisheries are likely to be the object of fishing activities in the future, and so enable the Scientific Committee to focus its work.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

17.1 The Report of the Eleventh Meeting of the Scientific Committee was adopted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

18.1 In closing the meeting, Mr Østvedt thanked Members for their hard work and cooperation during his two years as Chairman. He congratulated the Scientific Committee on having always tried to make use of the best scientific advice and not being unduly influenced by non-scientific considerations.

18.2 He also thanked the Secretariat and interpreters for their high standards of professionalism and hard work in making sure the meetings ran smoothly and efficiently.

18.3 Prof. Beddington thanked Mr Østvedt for his guidance over the last two years, and for being a helpful and efficient Chairman to work with.

18.4 Mr Miller extended the very best wishes of the Scientific Committee to Dr Darry Powell and his wife May on the eve of his retirement from the position of Executive Secretary of CCAMLR. He noted especially the high regard in which Dr Powell was held by Members, and the loss they would feel at his departure.

18.5 Finally, Mr Østvedt extended his best wishes to the incoming Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Dr Kock.

18.6 The Chairman then closed the meeting.