

**REPORT OF THE TWELFTH MEETING
OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**
(Hobart, Australia, 25 to 29 October 1993)

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 The Scientific Committee for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources met under the Chairmanship of Dr K.-H. Kock (Germany) from 25 to 29 October 1993 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, 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, Greece, the Netherlands, Ukraine, the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC), the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) to the meeting and encouraged them to participate in the meeting as appropriate.

1.4 The observer from 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 Delegation of Japan stated that it understood that the observer was attending under the conditions laid out in SC-CAMLR-X, paragraph 1.9. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee were endorsed by the Commission at its 1991 meeting and are given in Annex 4 of SC-CAMLR-X.

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

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

- Dr V. Marín (Chile), Krill Resources;
- Dr M. Basson (UK), Fish Resources;

- Mr D. Miller (South Africa), Krill and Crab Resources;
- Dr B. Fernholm (Sweden), Scientific Research Exemption and New and Exploratory Fisheries;
- Dr J. Croxall (UK), Ecosystem Monitoring and Management;
- Dr W. de la Mare (Australia), Marine Mammal and Bird Populations and Assessment of Incidental Mortality;
- Drs D. Agnew and E. Sabourenkov (Secretariat), all other matters.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.7 The Provisional Agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Provisional Agenda was adopted without amendments (Annex 3).

1.8 No items were proposed by Members for discussion under Item 19 “Other Business”.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

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

1.10 A Workshop on the Management of the Antarctic Crab Fishery was held in La Jolla, California, USA from 26 to 28 April 1993 and was chaired by the Convener, Dr R. Holt (USA).

1.11 The Working Group on Krill (WG-Krill) met from 4 to 12 August 1993 in Tokyo, Japan and was chaired by the Convener, Mr Miller. The Working Group for the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (WG-CEMP) met in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 16 to 23 August 1993, and was chaired by the Convener, Dr J. Bengtson (USA).

1.12 The Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (WG-FSA) met in Hobart, Australia, from 12 to 19 October 1993, chaired by the Convener, Dr I. Everson (UK).

1.13 The report of WG-Krill is attached as Annex 4, that of WG-FSA as Annex 5, and that of WG-CEMP as Annex 6. The report of the Workshop on the Management of the Antarctic Crab Fishery is appended to the report of WG-FSA as Appendix E.

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 (SC-CAMLR-XI, paragraph 10.24), Dr Agnew had been an observer for the Scientific Committee at the 81st Statutory Meeting of ICES, Dr de la Mare at the meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee and Dr Bengtson at the SCAR Planning Workshop for the Antarctic Pack-ice Seals Program (APIS). The APIS Program Workshop was co-sponsored by CCAMLR.

1.15 The Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute held the Third International Symposium on Antarctic Science on 24 and 25 August 1993 in Ansan, Republic of Korea. Dr Sabourenkov presented a paper at the Symposium entitled "The Role, Objectives and Activities of CCAMLR in the Antarctic Biological Sciences".

1.16 The first observation under the Scheme of International Scientific Observation had been conducted in the 1992/93 season through an agreement between Chile and the UK. In accordance with this agreement, a Scientific Observer nominated by the UK together with an observer nominated by Chile undertook scientific observations on board the Chilean longliner, *Frio Sur V*, fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Subarea 48.4 (South Sandwich Islands).

1.17 The first issue of the *CCAMLR Scientific Abstracts* and a new volume of the *Selected Scientific Papers* were published and distributed to Members in April and September 1993 respectively.