

SQUID RESOURCES

5.1 There was no fishery for squids in the CCAMLR Convention Area in the 1992/93 season and no data on squids have been reported to the Secretariat.

5.2 A report on the First International Southern Ocean Cephalopods Symposium (5 to 9 July 1993, Cambridge, UK) was presented in SC-CAMLR-XII/BG/10. It was noted that 11 Members of CCAMLR had presented a total of 18 papers on cephalopods occurring within the CCAMLR Convention Area to the Symposium, representing a substantial body of cephalopod research amongst CCAMLR Members.

5.3 Of these papers, seven addressed octopod taxonomy and ecology, eight addressed demography and the ecology of squid, and a further three described the relationships between cephalopods and their natural predators.

5.4 Dr Croxall informed the Scientific Committee that a collaborative project being undertaken in the South Georgia area in the 1993/94 season by the UK, Spain and Germany would include ship-based research on squids. The Scientific Committee welcomed this initiative.