

## SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXEMPTION

11.1 The Scientific Committee had been asked by the Commission to review the appropriateness of the 50 tonne catch limit for scientific research exemption, specified in Conservation Measure 64/XII, for krill, crab and squid (CCAMLR-XII, paragraph 6.10).

11.2 The Scientific Committee endorsed the following comments of WG-Krill and WG-FSA on this topic:

- For krill, Members using commercial types of trawl should submit information on the levels of catches which could be taken in research cruises (Annex 5, paragraph 5.26). This information should be reviewed at the next meeting of WG-EMM.
- For crab, the 50 tonne catch limit appears sensible given the relatively tight provisions of Conservation Measures 74/XII and 75/XII (Annex 4, paragraph 6.8).

11.3 Given the limited information on the abundance of squid in the Convention Area, the Scientific Committee had no advice to offer in respect of squid.

11.4 Some members of WG-FSA suggested that the six-month lead in time required for notification of intended survey activity (CCAMLR-V, paragraph 60) was restrictive (Annex 4, paragraph 6.7). The Scientific Committee encouraged the review of this requirement at the next meeting of WG-FSA.