

**REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING  
OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**  
(Hobart, Australia, 23 to 27 October 1995)

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 23 to 27 October 1995 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, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

1.3 The Chairman noted that Ukraine had become a full Member of the Commission since the last meeting.

1.4 The Chairman welcomed to the meeting observers from the Netherlands, Uruguay, the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the International Whaling Commission (IWC), the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) and the Scientific Committee on Oceanographic Research (SCOR) and encouraged them to participate in the meeting as appropriate.

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:

- Mr T. Ichii (Japan), Fishery Status and Trends;
- Dr I. Everson (UK), Species Monitored in the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program;
- Dr J. Croxall (UK), Assessment of Incidental Mortality and Squid Resources;
- Dr B. Fernholm (Sweden), Marine Mammal and Bird Populations;
- Dr D. Miller (South Africa), Krill Resources;
- Mr R. Williams (Australia), Fish Resources;
- Dr G. Watters (USA), Crab Resources;

- Dr G. Kirkwood (UK), Ecosystem Monitoring and Management;
- Dr W. de la Mare (Australia), Management under Conditions of Uncertainty about Stock Size and Sustainable Yield; and
- Dr D. Agnew (Secretariat), all other matters.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

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

#### Report of the Chairman

1.8 The Chairman noted that Members had continued their work during the intersessional period with several meetings taking place. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Italy for hosting the meeting of the Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management (WG-EMM).

1.9 The inaugural meeting of WG-EMM took place from 24 July to 3 August 1995 in Siena, Italy, and was chaired by its Convener, Dr Everson. Two ad hoc subgroups associated with this Working Group also met during the intersessional period:

- (i) an ad hoc subgroup on CEMP statistics met in Cambridge, UK, on 16 January 1995 under the convenership of Dr Agnew; and
- (ii) an ad hoc subgroup, which has been working towards coordination of research in the Antarctic Peninsula, met in Hamburg, Germany, from 17 to 21 July 1995 under the co-convenership of Drs S. Kim (Republic of Korea), V. Siegel (EEC), M. Naganobu (Japan) and R. Hewitt (USA), for a workshop entitled 'Temporal Changes in Marine Environments in the Antarctic Peninsula'.

1.10 The Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (WG-FSA) met in Hobart, Australia, from 10 to 18 October 1995, and was chaired by its Convener, Dr de la Mare.

1.11 A Workshop on Methods for the Assessment of *Dissostichus eleginoides* (WS-MAD), also chaired by Dr de la Mare, was held prior to the meeting of WG-FSA in Hobart, from 5 to 9 October 1995.

1.12 There was no meeting of the ad hoc Working Group on Incidental Mortality Arising from Longline Fishing (WG-IMALF). A coordinating group, led by the Convener of the Working Group, Prof. C. Moreno (Chile), conducted its work by correspondence. The Chairman thanked Prof. Moreno for his efforts during the year. Work on incidental mortality was incorporated into the assessments of WG-FSA.

1.13 The Chairman expressed his thanks to Conveners, Members, Rapporteurs and the Secretariat for contributing to the success of these meetings.

1.14 The report of WG-EMM is attached as Annex 4 and that of WG-FSA as Annex 5. The report of WS-MAD is appended to the report of WG-FSA as Appendix E.

1.15 The Scientific Committee was represented as an observer at the following international meetings during the intersessional period:

- 1995 Annual Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee, 8 to 20 May 1995, Dublin, Ireland - Dr W. de la Mare (Australia);
- IWC Steering Committee for Research Related to the Conservation of Large Baleen Whales in the Southern Ocean, 7 to 10 March 1995, Tokyo, Japan - Dr I. Everson (UK);
- Sixteenth Session of the CWP, 20 to 25 March 1995, Madrid, Spain - Executive Secretary;
- APIS Planning Meeting, 7 to 9 June 1995, Seattle, USA - Dr I. Boyd (UK);
- ICES International Symposium on Fisheries and Plankton Acoustics, 12 to 16 June 1995, Aberdeen, UK - Dr Everson;
- NAFO/ICES Symposium on the Role of Marine Mammals in the Ecosystem (6 to 8 September 1995, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada - Dr T. Øritsland (Norway);
- 83rd Statutory Meeting of ICES, 21 to 29 September 1995, Aalborg, Denmark - Ms I. Lutchman (UK); and
- The First Steering Committee Meeting of the SCAR CS-EASIZ, 25 August 1995, Cambridge, UK - Dr M. Fukuchi (Japan).