

PUBLICATIONS

CCAMLR Science

12.1 The third volume of *CCAMLR Science* was published just prior to CCAMLR-XV. This was the third year of the three-year trial period during which the Secretariat was requested to obtain an independent review of the quality of the publication and to report annually to the Commission on the journal's production cost, subscriber interest and progress towards cost recovery. The report of the Secretariat was available as CCAMLR-XV/15.

12.2 In presenting the document, the Science Officer, in his capacity as the Editor of *CCAMLR Science*, concluded that taking into account the results achieved by the publication of *CCAMLR Science* in the first three years, it would be advisable for the Commission to consider extending the journal trial period for another three years. An extension of the trial period would allow more time for *CCAMLR Science* to establish itself firmly among the world's scientific community and would present an opportunity to evaluate reliably the subscription interest and potential for recovery of publication costs.

12.3 The first three-year trial period of *CCAMLR Science* has shown that the Secretariat has gained the level of skills required for the long-term production of a high-quality publication within the limits of the budget allocated for this purpose by the Commission.

12.4 The Scientific Committee commended the Science Officer for his excellent work in producing a journal of such high quality. It also stressed that it would not have been possible to achieve this without the assistance of the entire Secretariat's publication team and especially of the Publications Administrator, Ms G. Naylor.

12.5 The Scientific Committee recommended that the Commission extend the journal trial period for another three years.

12.6 The Scientific Committee also noted that now that the first three-year trial period has concluded, some aspects of the publication policy and its application during the paper selection process might need to be clarified. In particular, attention was drawn to the recommendation of WG-FSA with regard to the identification of experts from each of the working groups whose advice would be sought by the Editorial Board in selecting papers for publication (Annex 5, paragraphs 10.3 to 10.5).

12.7 The Scientific Committee took note that the meeting of the Editorial Board was to be held later during CCAMLR-XV. The Board was advised that in considering editorial policy it should take

into account difficulties faced by authors whose first language is not English and also that the journal is aiming for the highest possible quality.

CCAMLR Scientific Abstracts

12.8 At last year's meeting of the Commission, it was decided that there were insufficient funds to permit publication of *CCAMLR Scientific Abstracts* in 1996. The objective of this publication is to provide a complete record of and facilitate access to scientific documents that have been used in discussions leading to management decisions (SC-CAMLR-XI, paragraph 11.1). The Scientific Committee recommended that the Commission allocate funds for its continued publication. It was also noted that in 1997 a double volume should be published in order to include abstracts of scientific papers submitted in 1995 as well as in 1996.

Other Publications

12.9 Other publications of the Scientific Committee were also considered. The Scientific Committee recommended publication of the revised edition of the *Statistical Bulletin*, the *Scientific Observers Manual* and the new edition of *CEMP Standard Methods*.

12.10 The Chairman informed the Scientific Committee that work on the *Guide to Understanding CCAMLR's Approach to Management* (CCAMLR-XIV, paragraph 4.13) would be continued during the intersessional period. He plans to submit the final version of the guide to the 1997 meeting of WG-EMM.

12.11 The Scientific Committee also agreed that the glossary of acronyms and abbreviations used in the work of the Scientific Committee which had been appended to the WG-EMM report should be regularly updated and published in the report of the Scientific Committee.