

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXEMPTION

7.1 In 1994, the Commission requested the Scientific Committee to consider the appropriateness of the 50-tonne catch limit for krill in respect of the scientific research exemption provisions of Conservation Measure 64/XIII (CCAMLR-XIII, paragraph 9.4). Since no information was available to the Scientific Committee last year, Members were requested to provide relevant information and the matter was referred to WG-EMM for consideration (SC-CAMLR-XIV, paragraph 7.2).

7.2 The Scientific Committee noted that WG-EMM had not provided specific advice on the above. However, it was agreed that current levels of catches of krill for scientific research are at levels which are unlikely to compromise the intent of the requirement set out in paragraph 3 of Conservation Measure 64/XII.

7.3 The Scientific Committee therefore advised the Commission that it will keep the 50-tonne catch limit for scientific research exemption for krill under review. Should the current situation change, the matter will be looked at again and advice developed accordingly.