

PUBLICATIONS

12.1 The fifth edition of *CCAMLR Science* had been published just prior to CCAMLR-XVII. The Scientific Committee thanked Dr Sabourenkov (Editor) and his production team, Ms G. Tanner (Production Editor), Mrs R. Marazas, Ms G. von Bertouch and Mr B. Denholm, for their efforts in producing this volume.

12.2 The following documents were also published during 1998:

- (i) *CCAMLR Scientific Abstracts* covering abstracts of papers presented in 1997;
- (ii) *Statistical Bulletin*, Volume 10 (1988–1997);
- (iii) revised version of the *Scientific Observers Manual*;
- (iv) flier and stickers for *Fish the Sea Not the Sky*; and
- (v) a placard and mini-poster on the problem of marine debris in Antarctic waters.

12.3 The Scientific Committee considered an offer to publish short reviews of the scientific highlights from CCAMLR's work in the journal *Reviews in Fish Biology and Fisheries* (RFBF) (SC-CAMLR-XVII/BG/19). The Scientific Committee endorsed WG-FSA's views that the publication of short reviews of CCAMLR's work in a highly-cited scientific journal was attractive, and would promote CCAMLR's work to the broader scientific community. However, the Scientific Committee agreed that there should be no binding agreement to publish highlights annually. Possible topics for review would include the application of the GYM and CCAMLR's approach to management. The Chairman of the Scientific Committee was tasked with preparing a reply to Prof. T. Pitcher, founding editor of RFBF.

12.4 The Scientific Committee also recognised the need to augment the profile of *CCAMLR Science* within the scientific community. The journal was presently covered by *Aquatic Science and Fisheries Abstracts* and was included in *Current Antarctic Literature* (formerly *Antarctic Bibliography*). However, *CCAMLR Science* was not listed in *Current Contents* and did not have a scientific citation index.

12.5 The Scientific Committee was aware that journals not listed in *Current Contents* were not afforded full credibility within many scientific funding agencies. This may result in scientists publishing CCAMLR-related work elsewhere. Dr Sabourenkov was tasked with investigating the feasibility of listing *CCAMLR Science* in *Current Contents* and establishing a link to *Science Citations Index* for ranking with other science journals.

12.6 The Scientific Committee noted that whilst copies of *CCAMLR Science* may be considered for dissemination through the CCAMLR website, the hard copy format of the journal was essential to maintain the integrity of *CCAMLR Science* and the high calibre of papers submitted for publication.

12.7 The Scientific Committee discussed the status of the book *Understanding CCAMLR's Approach to Management*. The Secretariat had worked with the authors in 1998 to finalise the English text, and translation to a draft stage had been completed.

12.8 The Scientific Committee noted that the book had evolved beyond the initial concept of producing a brief (20 pages) brochure summarising the work of the Scientific Committee for the benefit of the Commission.

12.9 The options for the publication of the book were outlined in CCAMLR-XVII/7, and were to:

- (i) have the document published independently;
- (ii) have the document published by the Secretariat; and
- (iii) publish the document on the website.

12.10 Dr Everson presented an alternate option of publishing the complete document in *CCAMLR Science* and also arranging an extended reprint run. In addition, he suggested that a separate synopsis of the document may be produced to fulfil the original aims of the document, to provide a succinct summary of how the Scientific Committee produces its scientific advice and how this advice is used in the taking of management decisions by the Commission.

12.11 The Scientific Committee concluded that the document should be published on the CCAMLR website in all four languages, and in a hard copy form (300 copies) similar to that used for the conservation measures. A synopsis of the document should also be written and produced in all four languages to summarise CCAMLR's approach to management. This synopsis would be produced in a format similar to that of the pamphlet outlining the principles of CEMP. As originally envisaged, the documents will require technical editing and translation and the synopsis will need to be written by a scientific writer. The Scientific Committee agreed that this work should be done as soon as possible.

12.12 The Scientific Committee agreed with this approach, and tasked the Science Officer to coordinate a scientific editing committee comprising the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, the conveners of the working groups, other interested members of the Scientific Committee, and a contracted professional editor. It was requested that the contract editor be able to work in close geographic proximity to the Chairman of the Scientific Committee or one of the conveners.

12.13 The Scientific Committee tasked the committee to revise the document prior to publication, and precis the information contained in the document and produce a brief (20 pages) publication summarising the work of the Scientific Committee for the benefit of the Commission.

12.14 The Scientific Committee agreed that the group be given remit to operate within the A\$25 000 allocated to this publication in 1999 so as to ensure the high quality of the documents, and produce a professional publication aimed at the Commission. All publications should be produced in the four languages of the Commission.