

PUBLICATIONS

12.1 The sixth edition of *CCAMLR Science* was published just prior to CCAMLR-XVIII. The Scientific Committee extended its sincere thanks to Dr E. Sabourenkov (Editor) and his production team for their efforts in the publication of this volume.

12.2 Following last year's request by the Scientific Committee, the Secretariat has applied to the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) to include *CCAMLR Science* in its publication *Current Contents* and in the *Science Citation Index*. The institute recently advised that the evaluation will be completed following the issue of the sixth volume of the journal.

12.3 The Scientific Committee considered CCAMLR-XVIII/7 and discussed the future of *CCAMLR Science* beyond the end of its second three-year term. The journal had achieved a high technical standard and had grown greatly in stature. The Scientific Committee agreed that *CCAMLR Science* was a showcase for the scientific work in support of CCAMLR and strongly recommended that its publication be continued.

12.4 The following documents were also published during 1999:

- (i) *CCAMLR Scientific Abstracts*;
- (ii) *Statistical Bulletin*, Volume 11 (1989–1998); and
- (iii) Revisions of the *Scientific Observers Manual*, *CCAMLR Inspectors Manual* and *CEMP Standard Methods*.

12.5 The Scientific Committee noted that the *Fishery Data Manual* had been revised and edited, and prepared for publication (Annex 5, paragraph 10.13). However, it agreed to delay the translation and publication of the manual until next year, pending developments in the data requirements for new and exploratory fisheries.

12.6 The Scientific Committee welcomed the publication of the book *Identification of Seabirds of the Southern Ocean. A Guide for Scientific Observers aboard Fishing Vessels* published by CCAMLR and the National Museum of New Zealand in 1999. The Scientific Committee endorsed the comments offered by WG-IMALF to help in any future revision (Annex 5, paragraph 7.5).

12.7 The Scientific Committee discussed the status of the book *Understanding CCAMLR's Approach to Management*. A scientific editing committee had been appointed to oversee final editing and production of the book (see SC-CAMLR-XVII, paragraph 12.12). The Scientific Committee was pleased to note that final editing was nearing completion, and that the document would be placed on the CCAMLR website in early 2000. The Scientific Committee thanked Dr Kock for his contribution to this worthwhile project, and his dedicated efforts in nurturing its early development.

12.8 In addition, a professional editor had been contracted to produce a synopsis of the book (see SC-CAMLR-XVII, paragraph 12.12). Dr Miller had reviewed a draft in August, and substantive comments had been provided to the editor. A revised draft would soon be submitted to the editing committee. The synopsis, with colour illustrations, is expected to be published in early 2000.

12.9 The Scientific Committee discussed the possibility of the Secretariat translating non-CCAMLR documents of significant value to the work of Members. It was agreed that future requests for such translation would be evaluated in three steps, as follows:

- (i) the document should be evaluated by the relevant working group;
- (ii) the document, together with the working group's recommendation for translation, should then be evaluated by the Editorial Board of *CCAMLR Science*; and

- (iii) the Board's recommendation, together with advice where appropriate, on translation, publication format and costing, would be considered by the Scientific Committee.

12.10 A key consideration in such evaluation would be to assess if the documents' contents are important in terms of their potential contribution and value to CCAMLR's work. This requirement is similar to one of the key criteria being applied in the acceptance of manuscripts for publication in *CCAMLR Science*.

12.11 However, the Scientific Committee agreed to consider WG-FSA's request to translate the headings, figures and table captions from the book *Fishes and Fish Resources of the Antarctic* by Dr Shust (Annex 5, paragraph 10.9). The Scientific Committee emphasised that decision in this regard should not set a precedent.

12.12 The Scientific Committee agreed to the request of WG-FSA, and tasked the Secretariat with the translation of the headings, figures and table captions. Once translated, the Scientific Committee requested that the Editorial Board provide advice on further translation of this book. Once formulated, the Scientific Committee requested that the Secretariat circulate the Editorial Board's advice to Members. The advice of the Board and Members' views would be considered at SC-CAMLR-XIX.

12.13 The Scientific Committee agreed that its Chairman should contact SCAR and explore the possibility of SCAR sponsoring the completion of a CD-ROM-based bibliography of Antarctic fish. This request had been forwarded by WG-FSA, and the total cost of such a production was estimated at around A\$8 000 (Annex 5, paragraph 10.10).