

OTHER BUSINESS

Members' Reporting Obligations

18.1 The Scientific Committee reviewed the annual reporting obligations of Members, as outlined in CCAMLR-XVIII/6. The Scientific Committee reaffirmed the need for Members to report information of direct relevance to the work of the Scientific Committee and its working groups. This included:

- (i) information related to the implementation of conservation measures;
- (ii) changes in fishing operations and harvest strategies;
- (iii) notification of research surveys made under Conservation Measure 64/XII; and
- (iv) research relevant to CEMP, but not directly reported under that program (e.g. research conducted under the auspices of SCAR).

18.2 The Scientific Committee agreed that notifications of surveys which do not include sampling by fishing gear were not required. The Scientific Committee believed that such information would continue to be disseminated through existing dialogue and networks.

18.3 The Scientific Committee endorsed all suggested improvements listed in Table 1 of CCAMLR-XVIII/6 on the condition that the electronic dissemination of this information would be phased in over the next few years, and that information vital to the work of its working groups be also circulated in hard copy. This vital information would include notification of surveys where the total catch of finfish was expected to exceed 50 tonnes.

18.4 Japan's question regarding the types of VMS information to be disseminated on the secure pages of the CCAMLR website was referred to SCOI.

General

18.5 The Scientific Committee noted with pleasure the development of Ukraine's research program in support of CEMP, and looked forward to further information in Ukraine's next report on Member's activities, and the submission of CEMP data.