

RESOLUTION 24/XXIV
Non-Contracting Party Cooperation Enhancement Program

The Commission,

Concerned that illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing vessels are increasingly conducting their fishing operations under flags of non-Contracting Parties and moving their catches through ports of non-Contracting Parties to circumvent CCAMLR rules,

Believing that this problem should be addressed by encouraging cooperation between non-Contracting Parties and CCAMLR through:

1. the exchange of information about IUU fishing with CCAMLR;
2. participation in key CCAMLR initiatives, such as the Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* spp. (CDS), through implementation of conservation measures;
3. acceding to the Convention and/or joining the Commission, as appropriate,

Noting that some non-Contracting Party States wish to cooperate with CCAMLR but lack the capacity to do so,

Recognising that a structured program of technical cooperation to build the capacity of key non-Contracting Party Flag and Port States would assist them to combat IUU fishing activity and trade and support wider implementation of CCAMLR conservation measures,

Noting that for its cooperation enhancement program to be effective Members will need to commit, support and be willing to deliver technical assistance, advice and training to non-Contracting Parties,

1. Recommends that Members consider, at CCAMLR-XXV, the development of a cooperation enhancement program with the following attributes:
 - (i) a focus on technical cooperation;
 - (ii) flexibility to tailor cooperation to meet the needs of both the Commission and the recipient State on a case-by-case basis;
 - (iii) a partnership model involving the CCAMLR Secretariat, experienced CCAMLR Member(s) as sponsors and the recipient States(s);
 - (iv) matching of sponsors and recipients based on expertise, historical relationships between States and proximity;
 - (v) central repository of information and training material by the CCAMLR Secretariat.
2. Decides to establish a priority list of States that may benefit from technical cooperation and develop clear criteria for investing in cooperation enhancement.