

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN CCAMLR AND WCPFC**

ARRANGEMENT

between

THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN

and

THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES

The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (hereafter WCPFC) and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (hereafter CCAMLR);

NOTING that the objective of the Convention for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (hereafter WCPF Convention) is to ensure, through effective management, the long-term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the western and central Pacific ocean;

NOTING FURTHER that the objective of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (hereafter CAMLR Convention) is the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources, which includes rational use;

NOTING that Article 22.(2) of the WCPF Convention specifically calls upon the WCPFC to make suitable arrangements for consultation, cooperation and collaboration with CCAMLR in order to contribute to the attainment of the objective of the WCPF Convention.

NOTING FURTHER that the Preamble to the CAMLR Convention recognises that it is desirable for CCAMLR to establish suitable machinery for recommending, promoting, deciding on and co-ordinating the measures and scientific studies needed to ensure the conservation of Antarctic marine living organisms;

CONSIDERING that Article II of the CAMLR Convention requires that any harvesting and associated activities in the CAMLR Convention Area shall be conducted in accordance with that Convention's provisions and with the specified principles of conservation which include, *inter alia*, maintenance of the ecological relationship between harvested, dependent and related populations of Antarctic marine living resources;

NOTING that provisions of both the WCPF and the CAMLR Conventions address the conservation of non-target, associated or dependent species which belong to the same ecosystem as the target species;

NOTING further that both the WCPF and CAMLR Conventions recognise the precautionary approach;

RECOGNISING that the fulfilment of the objectives of the WCPF and CAMLR Conventions will benefit from appropriate cooperation, with a view to strengthening the conservation measures adopted in respect of stocks and species or stocks of associated species that occur in the areas of competence of both organisations;

DESIRING to put into place arrangements and procedures to promote cooperation in order to enhance the conservation and rational use of stocks and species which are within the competence of both organisations so as to avoid conflict with the activities of the two organisations;

NOW THEREFORE the WCPFC and CCAMLR record the following understandings:

1. OBJECTIVE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT

The objective of this Arrangement is to facilitate, where appropriate, cooperation between the WCPFC and CCAMLR ('the Commissions') with a view to enhancing the conservation and rational use of stocks and species which are within the competence of both Commissions.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Commissions will establish and maintain consultation and cooperation in respect of matters of common interest to the two organisations, in the following areas:

- (i) Collecting, sharing and analysing data of common interest to both Commissions.
- (ii) Exchanging data and information consistent with the information-sharing policies of each Commission.
- (iii) Collaborating on research efforts relating to stocks and species of mutual interest, including stock assessments.
- (iv) Cooperating, where appropriate, on conservation measures for stocks and species of mutual interest.

3. MANNER OF COOPERATION

3.1 Cooperation between the WCPFC and CCAMLR will consist of:

- (i) Information sharing about stocks and species of mutual interest.
- (ii) Developing mechanisms to promote, where appropriate, cooperation on conservation measures.
- (iii) Exchange of relevant meeting reports, information, research data and results, project plans, documents, and publications regarding matters of mutual interest and where relevant, consistent with the information-sharing policies of each Commission.

- (iv) Consistent with each Commission rules of procedure and financial rules, reciprocal participation of the respective Secretariats in relevant meetings of each Commission.

3.2 To facilitate effective development and implementation of cooperation, the WCPFC and CCAMLR may establish a consultative process between the two respective Secretariats, that includes, telephone, email and similar means of communications.

3.3 The consultative process may proceed in the margins of meetings at which both Commissions' Secretariats are represented by appropriate staff.

3.4 The purpose of the consultative process will be to review and enhance cooperation between the WCPFC and CCAMLR.

4. REVIEW, MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT

This Arrangement may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of both Commissions.

5. LEGAL STATUS

This Arrangement does not create legally binding obligations.

6. ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND TERMINATION

- (i) This Arrangement will come into effect on signature.
- (ii) Either Commission may terminate this Arrangement by giving six months prior written notice to the other Commission.
- (iii) This Arrangement will remain in effect for three (3) years. At that stage the Commissions will review the operation of the Arrangement and decide whether it will be renewed.

7. SIGNATURE

Signed at thisday of[Year]

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Chair WCPFC

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Chair CCAMLR