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FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC
MARINE LIVING RESOURCES
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1. The thirty-fourth meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR XXXIV~~H~~) was held in Hobart, Tasmania from 19 October to 30 October 2015.
2. The following Members of the Commission were represented: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, People's Republic of China (China), European Union (EU), France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Namibia, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation (Russia), South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK), United States of America (USA) and Uruguay. Apologies were received from Brazil.
3. Finland and the Netherlands attended as Contracting Parties with observer status and Singapore attended as a Non-Contracting Party observer.
4. The Agreement for the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP), the Association of Responsible Krill Fishing Companies (ARK), the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC), the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT), the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP), the Coalition of Legal Toothfish Operators (COLTO), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Oceanites Inc, the Southern Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) attended as invited NGO observers.
5. The Commission considered a range of issues relating to the *Dissostichus* spp. Catch Documentation Scheme (established through CM 10-05). The Commission agreed to hold a CDS Workshop and adopted amendments to CM 10-05 to ensure that catch documents capture port-to port dates and at-sea transshipment coordinates. The Commission also adopted a non-Contracting Party Engagement Strategy.
6. The Commission also considered improvements to CM 10-04, which establishes the arrangements relating to the Vessel Monitoring System, and agreed to require flag States to provide VMS data to the Secretariat within one hour of receipt of the VMS data for finfish fisheries as well as adopted minimum standards for Automatic Location Communicators.
7. The Commission considered its Compliance Evaluation Procedure and adopted amendments to: provide for a self-assessment of compliance status, extraordinary circumstances including force majeure and a distinction between administrative issues and issues of serious non-compliance.
8. The Commission adopted a Resolution on vessels without nationality.
9. The Commission noted that no new vessels had been proposed for inclusion on either the Contracting Party IUU Vessel List or the non-Contracting Party IUU Vessel List. The Commission removed the *Thunder* from the non-Contracting Party IUU Vessel List on the basis that the vessel had sunk.
10. The Commission considered two proposals for Marine Protected Area (MPA): one in the Ross Sea Region and the other for a representative system of MPAs in East Antarctica. Consensus could not be reached on both proposals however the proponents noted that they will continue to work with members in the intersessional period.

11. The Commission considered proposals for exploratory fishing in the CCAMLR Area and adopted conservation measures applicable to specific statistical Areas, Subareas and Divisions. The Commission also considered and endorsed stock assessments for other areas in the CCAMLR Area. The Commission acknowledged the extensive developments that have taken place in recent years in relation to research fishing in exploratory fisheries, closed fisheries and other areas and noted that further work will continue in the intersessional period.
12. The Commission established an intersessional correspondence group to provide the Scientific Committee and the Commission with information, advice and recommendations necessary to appropriate integrate the impacts of climate change into the work of the commission. The Commission adopted terms of reference for the group and agreed that work should commence intersessionally.
13. The thirty-fifth annual meeting of CCAMLR will be held in Hobart from 17 to 29⁸ October 2016.