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FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC  
MARINE LIVING RESOURCES  
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**CCSBT Observer (Australia)**

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1. The thirty-third meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR XXXIII) was held in Hobart, Tasmania from 20 October to 31 October 2014.
2. The following Members of the Commission were represented: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, People's Republic of China, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Namibia, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay.
3. Mauritius and the Netherlands attended as Contracting Parties with observer status and Singapore attended as a Non-Contracting Party observer. The Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC), the Coalition of Legal Toothfish Operators (COLTO) and the Association of Responsible Krill Fishing Companies (ARK) attended as invited NGO observers. Several international organisations were also represented.

The Commission endorsed recommendations from the Standing Committee on Compliance and Evaluation (SCIC) regarding the CCAMLR Conservation Measure 10-05 – Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) which provides for greater clarity, reflects the current e-CDS and better enables monitoring of the movement of toothfish from point of landing through to markets. The Commission endorsed further review of the CDS which will, *inter alia*, seek to provide greater transparency regarding transshipment, better integrate CDS with other CCAMLR systems, develop identifiable Specially Validated Catch Documents and improve non-Contracting Party engagement. The Commission also endorsed terms of reference for an intersessional process for the implementation of the CDS Review Panel's recommendations.

4. In relation to transshipment, the Commission agreed to establish an intersessional e-group to consider how to strengthen transshipment provisions to ensure they are able to meet the objectives of the Commission.
5. The Commission noted work of the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) working group in the intersessional period. The group was requested to further consider matters including identifying improvements that can be made to the VMS Conservation Measure (CM10-04).
6. 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 *Tiantai* from the non-Contracting Party IUU Vessel List on the basis that the vessel had sunk.
7. The Commission welcomed the Scientific Committee's decision to use the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (CEMP) Fund to support a proposal to use remote cameras for penguin population monitoring in Subarea 48.1 in the CCAMLR Area.
8. 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.

9. The Commission welcomed an MPA checklist presented by Japan and agreed that it could provide a useful clarification that could contribute to a better understanding of the issues associated with CCAMLR's work in designating MPAs. An e-group was established to further consider this proposal in the intersessional period.
10. 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.
11. The Commission endorsed a proposal by Australia, Chile and the United States to hold a CCALMR Symposium in Chile in May 2015. The Commission agreed that the symposium would provide a forum for an exchange of views regarding the future of CCAMLR and to support the Commission's endeavours to achieve the objectives of the Convention.
12. CCAMLR worked through its Compliance Evaluation Procedure (CEP) for the second year. Although there were instances of partial or minor non-compliance by Members, no instances of serious (or frequent/persistent) non-compliance were found to have occurred in the reporting period. Discussion on CEP also led to the revision of a number of conservation measures to improve clarity and operability.
13. The Commission considered and endorsed text of a Search and Rescue arrangement between the CCAMLR Secretariat and relevant Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres to enable sharing of vessel monitoring system data to support search and rescue (SAR) efforts in the CCAMLR Area.
14. The thirty-fourth annual meeting of CCAMLR will be held in Hobart from 19 to 30 October 2015.