

**REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER (NEW ZEALAND) TO THE 41st ANNUAL  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC  
MARINE LIVING RESOURCES**

(Hobart, Australia, 24 October to 4 November 2022)

**CCSBT Observer (New Zealand)**

1. The forty-first annual meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR-41) was held in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from 24 October to 4 November 2022. The meeting was chaired by Dr J. Granit (Sweden).
2. The following Members were represented: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, People's Republic of China (China), Ecuador, European Union (EU), France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea (Korea), the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Netherlands), New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation (Russia), South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK), United States of America (USA) and Uruguay. Brazil and Poland were not present in person at the meeting but connected to the online streaming of the proceedings. The Commission welcomed Ecuador as a new member, and welcomed Ukraine as Chair for the next two years.
3. Canada, Finland, Mauritius, Panama and Peru attended as Observers. Other non-Contracting Parties and organisations were invited to attend the meeting as Observers (CCAMLR-41 Paragraphs 1.4-1.5).
4. Recognising that global climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing Antarctica and the ocean surrounding it, the Commission agreed to a new Resolution on climate change which stresses the importance of taking urgent action in the Convention Area. All CCAMLR scientific working groups are required to include consideration of the impact of climate and environmental change.
5. Most Members supported the adoption of three proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the East Antarctic, Weddell Sea and Antarctic Peninsula (Domain 1 MPA), that had been revised. The Commission did not reach consensus on any of the three MPA proposals. The Commission agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Commission, hosted by Chile in the first half of 2023, in order to progress implementation.
6. The Commission did not reach consensus to revise CM 24-04 to extend the application of time-limited special areas for scientific study in exposed areas following ice-shelf retreat or collapse to the whole Antarctic continental coast.
7. In the 2021/2022 season (up to 31 July 2022), 13 CCAMLR Members participated in fisheries and research targeting icefish, toothfish and krill. Members reported a total catch of 353,885 tonnes of krill, 9,746 tonnes of toothfish and 1,021 tonnes of icefish from the Convention Area.

8. The Commission discussed a workplan to progress a holistic approach to management around the Antarctic Peninsula, taking into consideration potential new catch limits, the proposal for an MPA in the region, and new scientific monitoring, data collection and management approaches for the krill fishery in the area. The Commission extended the current subarea limits on the krill fishery catch (Conservation Measure 51-07) for another year while this work progressed.
9. For the second year in a row the Commission could not agree on a catch limit for the *D. eleginoides* fishery in Subarea 48.3. Many members again voiced their concerns at the situation where for the second year in a row the catch limit for an established fishery was blocked, and the Commission was not adhering to its commitment to utilise the best available science in its decision-making.
10. The Commission adopted CM 41-11, which provides that directed fishing for *D. Mawsoni* shall not take place in 2022/2023 in Division 58.4.1.
11. The Commission adopted the CCAMLR Compliance Evaluation Procedures (CCEP), which lists non-compliance instances and actions taken by each Member to address them. The Commission also agreed to a small number of amendments to existing Conservation Measures to improve general compliance and implementation standards and processes.
12. The Commission adopted the 2022/2023 Non-Contracting Party (NCP)-IUU Vessel List and the Contracting Party (CP)-IUU Vessel List, with no changes from CCAMLR-40.
13. The Commission adopted the revised 2022 budget, the 2023 budget as amended by SCAF and the forecast budget for 2024.
14. The Commission approved a new four year Strategic Plan and the Scientific Committee agreed strategic priorities for its work over 2023-2027.
15. The Commission planned to hold the forty-second annual meeting at the CCAMLR Headquarters in Hobart, Australia from 16 to 27 October 2023.