

**REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER TO THE  
32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION  
FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC  
MARINE LIVING RESOURCES  
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**CCSBT Observer (Australia)**

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32ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE  
CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES**

1. The thirty-second meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR XXXII) was held in Hobart, Tasmania from 23 October to 1 November 2013.
2. The following Members of the Commission were represented: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, People's Republic of China, European Union, France, Germany, India, 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. The Netherlands and Vanuatu attended as a Contracting Party with observer status. 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. Singapore was represented as an invited non Contracting Party.

**Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing**

3. The Commission discussed the evidence provided by Members on the current IUU activities in the CAMLR Convention Area. The Commission noted that no new vessels had been included by SCIC on the Proposed NCP-IUU Vessel List for 2013/14.
4. SCIC considered a report which, among other matters, reported on actions undertaken by Southeast Asian countries in inspecting and detaining known IUU vessels (CCAMLR-XXXII/BG/21). Australia in presenting the paper considered that the information derived from these activities has been revealing in identifying catch amounts and could be used to complement ongoing work to estimate IUU catches in the Convention Area.

**Performance Review**

5. The Commission considered and reported on progress made on the recommendations from the 2008 Performance Review of CCAMLR.
6. The EU introduced a discussion paper on a proposed follow-up to the CCAMLR Performance Review in 2008 (CCAMLR-XXXII/32).
7. Australia presented a paper which noted the outstanding priorities of the designation of MPAs, the orderly and precautionary development of the krill fishery, continuing development of compliance and enforcement mechanisms, and the standardisation of training and accreditation of scientific observers to improve the quality of data collected (CCAMLR-XXXII/BG/13).
8. The Commission noted that starting an additional performance review process might be premature and hamper the implementation of the recommendations of the 2008 Performance Review.
9. The Commission reflected on the recommendations of the 2008 Performance Review noting that it was important that the Commission maintains its commitment towards implementing the recommendations of the Performance Review. It was noted that there are a number of recommendations that still require further action as a matter of priority.

- a. The Commission requested the Secretariat prepare a summary document outlining the status of the recommendations of the 2008 Performance Review to assist the Commission in its work towards addressing those recommendations.
10. The Commission noted that undertaking a second performance review could have a number of merits and that the ongoing progress on the implementation of those recommendations did not preclude consideration by the Commission of a second performance review in the near future.

### **Marine Protected Areas**

11. The Commission established an MPA Working Group to discuss the two MPA proposals, one in the Ross Sea (proposed by USA and New Zealand) and the other for a representative system of MPAs in East Antarctica (proposed by Australia, France and the EU). The Commission noted the discussions and advice of the Scientific Committee and the MPA Working Group on the revised proposals; however the Commission was unable to reach consensus on either of these proposals.
12. The Commission recognised that the extensive discussions of the MPA proposals, during intersessional and subgroup meetings, had helped to improve understanding of the implementation process.

### **Cooperation between CCAMLR and RFMOs**

13. The Executive Secretary advised the Commission that the formal arrangement with CCSBT was signed by the respective chairperson of each organisation in November 2012.
14. The arrangement with WCPFC was formally renewed in March 2013. The Commission noted that copies of these arrangements were available from the Secretariat on request.

### **CCAMLR Compliance Evaluation Procedure**

15. The Commission considered the first year of implementing CCAMLR's Compliance Evaluation Procedure (CCEP).
16. The Commission agreed that the CCEP had been a very useful process to consider compliance and implementation issues in a transparent manner. It was noted that the CCEP had assisted in identifying opportunities to revise conservation measures and to clarify issues regarding implementation.
17. The Commission noted that in order for the CCEP to be meaningful going forward, it will be important for CCAMLR to reopen efforts to reach agreement on the gravity of various compliance and implementation issues. The Commission adopted the Provisional CCAMLR Compliance Report as recommended by SCIC.

### **Other issues**

18. The Commission agreed to undertake a review of CCAMLR's Catch Documentation Scheme and endorsed terms of reference for an intersessional process.
19. The Commission agreed to vessel Monitoring Scheme (VMS) technical requirements developed intersessionally and endorsed the identification and implementation of a new VMS solution.
20. The Commission expressed concern about serious maritime accidents that have occurred in the Convention Area and endorsed the recommendation of SCIC for the Secretariat to develop Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the competent

Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres (MRCCs), to be approved by the Commission intersessionally, to facilitate the release of CCAMLR VMS data for the purpose of supporting search and rescue operations in the Southern Ocean.

21. Other issues discussed at CCAMLR XXXII included fishing capacity and effort in new and exploratory (European Union); fisheries and the conservation of sharks (United States).
22. The thirty-third annual meeting of CCAMLR will be held from 20-31 October 2014 in Hobart, Tasmania.