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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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The attached correspondence was received by the Executive Secretary from Dr Adi Kellerman of ICES enquiring whether CCAMLR would consider cosponsoring a Theme Session ('Role of Sea Ice for Polar Ecosystems') for that organisation's Consultative Committee. It was hoped to discuss this proposal at SC-CAMLR-XXV, but unfortunately time did not allow for such discussion.

Members should indicate their views on the above proposal by 31 March 2007.

Dr D.G.M. Miller Executive Secretary

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From: Adi Kellermann [mailto:adi@ices.dk] Sent: Thursday, 5 October 2006 6:47 PM

To: Denzil Miller **Cc:** Vivian Piil

Subject: Co-sponsoring an ICES Theme Session

Dear Denzil,

First of all, it is my pleasure after a long while to get in touch with you again, this time with an official request. I trust you are doing fine and things are well underway in Hobart!

During the past two weeks we had the ICES Annual Science Conference, this year in Maastricht/NL. In preparing the 2008 ASC, to be held in Halifax, Canada, the ICES Consultative Committee. (ConC) has discussed the Theme Sessions for presentations and we have solicited possible co-sponsorship for the now total of 16 Sessions. One of these is "The role of sea ice for polar ecosystems" which was spawned by our Oceanography Committee. ConC has instructed me to inquire for possible co-sponsorship for this particular session by CCAMLR.

Co-sponsoring a Theme Session would mean that CCAMLR may appoint a co-convener to prepare (review and selection of abstracts), organize and chair the session. Currently, there are three conveners: Garry Stenson, Canada; Ken Drinkwater, Norway; Kai Wieland, Greenland.

ICES would much appreciate to welcome CCAMLR as partner for this promising Theme Session which matches well with the upcoming activities of the IPY.

Best regards, Adi