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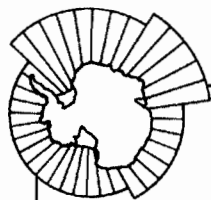
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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
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At CCAMLR-XXIV (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 4.12), the Commission agreed that its primary aim is to establish a harmonised regime for the protection of the Antarctic marine environment across the Antarctic Treaty System (ATS). This would require clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the ATCM and CCAMLR in respect of the management of different human activities in the region.

The Commission endorsed the Scientific Committee's future work plan for developing a system of protected areas, including (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 4.17; SC-CAMLR-XXIV, paragraphs 3.65 and 3.73):

- (i) holding a workshop to advise on a bioregionalisation of the Southern Ocean, including, where possible, advice on smaller-scale delineation of provinces and potential areas for protection to further the conservation objectives of CCAMLR;
- (ii) establishing a Steering Committee, including members of the Scientific Committee and CEP. An important role of the Steering Committee will be to involve appropriate experts from outside the Scientific Committee and CEP with appropriate data or expertise;
- (iii) inviting CEP to undertake the initial work necessary to develop a bioregionalisation of the coastal provinces, as an extension of its terrestrial bioregionalisation work, while the Scientific Committee would undertake the initial work needed to delineate the oceanic provinces.

As a first step in the agreed work plan, a new MPA Workshop Steering Committee should be formed and its convener appointed. Upon formation and appointment of a convener, the Committee will discuss cooperation with CEP and, as appropriate, invitation by the Committee of experts to participate in its work from such organisations as SCAR, SCOR and other intergovernmental and nongovernmental organisations (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraphs 4.13(ii) and 4.17(ii); SC-CAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.65(iii)). Invitation to any party from outside CCAMLR to participate in the Steering Committee and the future MPA Workshop will be subject to procedures relating to participation of observers and invited experts in CCAMLR meetings.

Therefore, in consultation with the Chair of the Scientific Committee (Dr E. Fanta) and the Convener of the WG-EMM Advisory Group on Protected Areas (Dr P. Penhale), the Secretariat invites Members to nominate their representatives to the Steering Committee taking into account that tasks assigned to the Committee require input at scientific, technical and policy levels.

In order for the Steering Committee to start its work as soon as possible, Members are requested to advise the Secretariat of their nominated representative(s) by no later than the 31 March 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.G.M. Miller', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Dr D.G.M. Miller
Executive Secretary