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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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WWF has submitted a detailed request to the Secretariat for fine-scale data from a number of areas and for a number of species (see attached letter). The request is consistent with the provisions of paragraphs 2(b), 8, 9 and 10 of the CCAMLR *Rules for Access and Use of CCAMLR Data*. It is also extensive in terms of geographic coverage, seasons and species, and will make extensive use of CCAMLR's haul-by-haul data.

The general processing of such requests requires:

- (i) identifying data owners/providers, and any specific data issue (e.g. data from EEZs);
- (ii) preparing, translating and emailing letter(s) to data owners to seek permission to release their data;
- (iii) if permission is given, then the data are extracted, checked and sent (with cover note) to the requester in appropriate format (i.e. aggregated by fine-scale rectangle, species and season).

As this is the first time that such a detailed data request has been received from a non-Member, the Secretariat is seeking Members' guidance on how it should proceed. In particular, Members should note that processing the request will require allocation of Secretariat resources to extract the data and for translation of the associated letters to the data owners. This could amount to up to five working days and may require re-prioritisation of other tasks within the Secretariat.

Members are therefore kindly requested to make their views known to the Secretariat by 20 March 2010 on (i) whether this request can be processed as outlined above, (ii) whether other Secretariat priorities can be adjusted if it is necessary to do so in order to process the request, and (iii) depending on associated costs, whether it may be possible to seek some form of relevant contribution from WWF.

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Dear David,

I would like to request the following fisheries data from CCAMLR. We would like to receive the data in electronic format

Type of Data Required:	Catch Data
Time Period:	All data requested is for the time period from 1998/1999 fishing season to present (last fishing year data has been collated for)
Areas of Interest:	Areas 48, 58, 88
Species or Species Group of Interest:	Krill Dissostichus spp. Channichthyidae, Champsocephalus gunnari, Channichthys rhinoceratus Macrouridae, Macrourus spp, Macrourus carinatus, Macrourus whitsoni Rajidae, Raja spp, Rajiformes, Raja Taaf, Raja georgiana Antimora rostrata Notothenia squamifrons (Lepidonotothen squamifrons) Pseudochaenichthys georgianus
Level Spatial & Temporal Aggregation:	By fine scale rectangle by fishing season within each area, sub area and division

Proposed use of the aggregated data, and whether the results of any related analysis would be provided for use within CCAMLR only (please include any relevant reference to the Commission and Scientific Committee's work), or published outside of CCAMLR?

This data would be used to develop a cost layer to an analysis of areas of the Southern Ocean to be included with a network of protected areas. The areas with the highest value for fisheries would be associated with a higher cost for their potential inclusion within an MPA network. Effectively it would encourage the program to select areas not important to fisheries for inclusion in the MPA network, wherever it is possible to do so while ensuring that targets agreed for protection are met.

Finer scale data is most useful for this type of analysis. Data at the SSRU scale is less useful in helping the program to decide the value of particular areas to a fishery. It might tell us that one SSRU is more valuable to fisheries than another, while in reality there may just be one or two small areas within the SSRU that are important for fisheries.



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WWF would be happy for the results of this analysis to be made available to all CCAMLR members. The derived products of the analysis will be publically available and we would produce a report that would describe the methodology applied and present the derived products. We would not publish or publicly share primary data such as that which has been requested above without seeking prior consent of the data owners.

The results of the proposed analysis will help inform discussions within the high priority body of work being undertaken by the Scientific Committee on the development of a network of marine protected areas (SC-CAMLR XXVIII Final Report, para 3.14).

WWF would also like to make a request for a Fish Stock Assessment paper, WG-FSA 09/06, Development of a registry of vulnerable marine ecosystems in the Convention Area.

Please let me know if any additional information or clarification is required to fulfill this request for data.

Kinds regards

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