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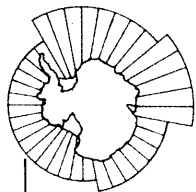
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At CCAMLR-XX, the Commission endorsed a recommendation by the Scientific Committee that the current system of reporting data on the collection of marine debris by vessels at sea be discontinued (CCAMLR-XX, paragraph 6.3). The Scientific Committee would prefer to receive this data from standardised quantitative surveys of vessels collecting marine debris at sea. Members engaged in such surveys are requested to report on this and their methods to the Secretariat.

Members are also reminded that the following standard reporting formats are available on the marine debris section of the CCAMLR website:

- standard method for surveys of beached marine debris;
- standard method for the submission of data on the entanglement of marine mammals in marine debris;
- standard method for the submission of data on marine debris associated with seabird colonies; and
- standard method for the submission of data on seabirds and marine mammals soiled with hydrocarbons.

Members engaged in such surveys are requested to submit their data to the Secretariat by 31 August 2002.

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