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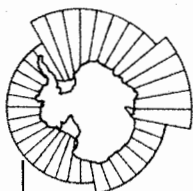
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## TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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At its Twenty-third Meeting in 2004 the Commission addressed the topic of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and urged the Scientific Committee to proceed with this work as a matter of priority. It also reaffirmed the need to develop advice on MPAs commensurate with Articles II and IX of the Convention (CCAMLR-XXIII, paragraph 4.13).

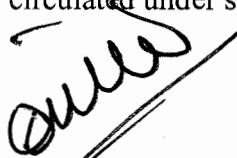
The Chair of the WG-EMM Advisory Subgroup on Protected Areas, Dr Polly Penhale (USA) was asked to act as Convener for a workshop to address the above. Members were requested to nominate individuals to serve on the Steering Committee which would be tasked with developing an agenda and suggested background papers, as well as identifying an appropriate venue and timing for the workshop (COMM CIRC 05/22 SC CIRC 05/08, 11 March 2005). The following Members submitted nominations: Australia, Chile, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine and the UK.

In considering the importance of furthering discussion on MPAs within CCAMLR, the Steering Committee acknowledged that there were likely to be challenges in holding a workshop in 2005. In recalling past discussions of the Commission, the Scientific Committee and WG-EMM over several years on how MPAs could contribute to furthering the Convention's objectives, and in light of recent international developments, the Steering Committee generally agreed that there was some urgency attached to addressing the MPA issue.

Based on the views of the Steering Committee members, the Convener has suggested that a workshop be held from 29 August to 1 September 2005 in Washington DC, USA. The workshop agenda will follow its proposed Terms of Reference (attached). In addition to participants nominated by CCAMLR Members, experts will be invited to take advantage of the large body of MPA knowledge that could be used to promote the goals of CCAMLR (SC-CAMLR-XXIII, paragraph 3.51). The report of the workshop will be submitted to the 2005 meeting of the Scientific Committee for consideration and any agreed future action.

Members are asked to nominate participants for the workshop and to contribute papers that address its Terms of Reference.

Details of the workshop venue, travel information and deadlines for paper submission will be circulated under separate cover within the next week.

  
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**MPA Workshop Terms of Reference**

(CCAMLR-XXIII, paragraph 4.13; SC-CAMLR-XXIII, paragraph 3.52)

- (i) To review current principles and practices related to the establishment of Marine Protected Areas.
- (ii) To discuss how the use of Marine Protected Areas could be used to contribute to furthering the objectives of CCAMLR.
- (iii) To consider proposals that are currently under development or in a conceptual phase that relate to Marine Protected Areas in the Convention Area.
- (iv) To discuss the types of scientific information that may be required for the development of Marine Protected Areas to further the objectives of CCAMLR, including the identification of biophysical regions across the Convention Area.