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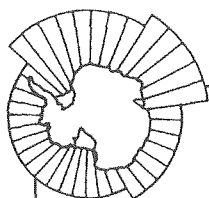
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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
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Members are referred to COMM CIRC 07/81 and SC CIRC 07/33 of 10 July 2007 inviting Members to attend the forthcoming annual meetings of the Commission and the Scientific Committee at the new CCAMLR Headquarters, 181 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Australia, from 22 October to 2 November 2007.

The Provisional Agendas and Provisional Annotated Agendas for both the Commission and the Scientific Committee are attached. A revised Proposed Schedule for the meetings is also attached. Social functions are listed on the Schedule with further information to be provided in due course. Details on the meeting venue and facilities, registration and accommodation were included in the Information Note attached to the abovementioned circular.

Members are reminded that, as they become available, meeting documents will be placed on the password-protected Commission and Scientific Committee 'Members Only' pages of the website (www.ccamlr.org). Guidelines for the submission of papers to both the Commission and Scientific Committee meetings are available on the website.

Members are also reminded to advise the Secretariat, as soon as possible, of the names of their representative, alternative representative(s) and adviser(s) to both the Commission and Scientific Committee. Overseas participants travelling to Hobart to attend CCAMLR meetings are urged to pay particular attention to the Australian visa requirements set out in COMM CIRC 07/54 and SC CIRC 07/27. This information is also available on the 'Members Only' pages of the website.

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Executive Secretary

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING
OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 2007 MEETING
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IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE (SCIC)**

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 - (ii) Organisation of the meeting
 - (iii) Review of submitted papers, reports and other presentations
2. Review of compliance and implementation-related measures and policies
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 - (ii) Compliance evaluation procedure
 - (iii) Proposals for new and revised measures
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 - (iii) IUU Vessel Lists
4. Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS)
5. Scheme of International Scientific Observation
6. Other business
7. Advice to the Commission
8. Advice to SCAF
9. Adoption of the report
10. Close of the meeting.

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE
TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE
CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES¹**

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will open at 0900 h on Monday, 22 October 2007.

The Chair of the Commission (Mr P. Amutenya, Namibia) will welcome delegates from CCAMLR Members as well as observers from CCAMLR Acceding States. The Chair will also welcome observers from non-Contracting Parties and international organisations invited in accordance with the decision taken last year (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 19.1 to 19.3).

The Chair will introduce His Excellency the Honourable William Cox AC RFD ED, Governor of Tasmania, who will address the meeting.

2. Organisation of the meeting

Directly following the opening of the meeting, the Chair will deal with procedural matters only before adjourning the Commission to allow the Scientific Committee, SCAF and SCIC to carry out their work.

(i) Adoption of the agenda

The Preliminary Agenda for the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Commission was prepared and distributed on 10 July 2007 in accordance with Rule 15 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. With suggested changes from the USA (COMM CIRC 07/96), this became the Provisional Agenda and has been distributed as such in accordance with Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure.

The annotated agendas of SCAF and SCIC are appended.

¹ Abbreviations used throughout this agenda are SCAF (Standing Committee on Administration and Finance), SCIC (Standing Committee on Implementation and Compliance) and JAG (Joint Assessment Group).

(ii) Report of the Chair

The Chair will report on intersessional activities.

3. Finance and administration

(i) Report of SCAF

The Annotated Agenda of the SCAF meeting is given in Appendix A. The report of the meeting will be introduced by its Chair. The detailed findings and recommendations of the report will be considered by the Commission under subitems (ii) to (viii) below, as well as under other relevant agenda items.

(ii) Audited Financial Statements for 2006

The Commission will decide whether to accept the audited Financial Statements for 2006 in accordance with Financial Regulation 12.1.

(iii) Audit requirement for the 2007 Financial Statements

The Commission will confirm that a full audit of the 2007 Financial Statements will be required as agreed last year (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 3.3), or whether a review audit alone will suffice.

(iv) Secretariat matters

The Commission will receive the advice of SCAF on various financial and administrative matters affecting the Secretariat since CCAMLR-XXV. This will include consideration of interpreting services for SCIC (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 3.11 to 3.15).

(v) Contingency Fund

The SCAF Chair will report to the Commission on expenditure from, or any requests for use of, the Contingency Fund.

(vi) Special funds

The Commission will receive the advice of SCAF, SCIC and the CDS Fund Review Panel on the use of the CDS Fund and other special funds during the 2006/07 intersessional period, and on any proposals received for use of the funds over the forthcoming intersessional period.

(vii) Budgets for 2007, 2008 and 2009

Based on advice from SCAF, the Commission will consider proposed changes to the adopted budget for 2007, adopt the budget for 2008 and note a forecast budget for 2009.

(viii) Members' contributions

Following its request in 2005 (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.23), the Commission will receive advice from SCAF on the application of Financial Regulation 5.6 in respect of the timing of Members' contribution payments.

4. Scientific Committee

The Chair of the Scientific Committee will introduce the report of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Scientific Committee containing advice and recommendations to the Commission in accordance with the Convention's objectives. The Commission will consider the general recommendations, advice, research and data requirements of the Scientific Committee.

The Commission will also consider substantive matters related to ecosystem monitoring and management, harvested species, scientific research exemption, Secretariat supported activities, publications and the Scientific Committee's activities planned for 2007/08. This will include advice and recommendations on:

- krill fishing (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 4.20 to 4.39), including operation of the continuous fishing system (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 4.40 to 4.44);
- notifications of Members' intention to fish for krill in the 2007/08 season;

- the Joint CCAMLR-IWC Workshop to review information required for ecosystem models being developed to provide management advice on krill predators in the Antarctic marine ecosystem (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 4.77);
- future activities of the Scientific Committee and its working groups (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 4.81 and 4.83) and the development of the Scientific Committee's long-term science plan.

Other substantive matters arising from the Scientific Committee will be discussed under other parts of the Commission's agenda: fisheries management and conservation under conditions of uncertainty (Item 5); assessment and avoidance of incidental mortality (Item 6); Marine Protected Areas (Item 7); IUU fishing (Item 10); Scheme of International Scientific Observation (Item 11); new and exploratory fisheries (Item 12); cooperation with other international organisations (Item 16); and participation in the International Polar Year (Item 20(i)).

5. Fisheries management and conservation under conditions of uncertainty

(i) Fishery Plans

The Commission will consider advice provided by the Scientific Committee. It will also consider development of a proposal to expand the current Fishery Plan concept endorsed by the Commission into a forward-looking management plan ('Fisheries Management Plan') (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 13.7 and 13.11).

(ii) Bottom fishing

The Commission will consider the advice provided by the Scientific Committee. Conservation measure 22-05 (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 12.28) currently restricts the use of bottom trawling gear in high-seas areas during 2006/07 and 2007/08. The Commission has agreed to review this restriction in 2007.

6. Assessment and avoidance of incidental mortality

The Commission's discussions will be conducted under the following subitems and will take account of the Scientific Committee's advice and recommendations.

(i) Marine debris

The Commission will consider the advice of the Scientific Committee on the biological impact of marine debris, and on the evaluation of scientific data from Members' surveys of beached marine debris and from observations of the incidence and impact of marine debris on marine living resources in the Convention Area.

(ii) Incidental mortality of seabirds and marine mammals during fishing operations

The Scientific Committee's report will contain advice on the incidental mortality of seabirds and marine mammals during fishing operations.

In particular, the Scientific Committee will report on recent seabird and marine mammal research, developments in by-catch mitigation methods, education initiatives, cooperation with RFMOs and other subjects of importance to the elimination of incidental mortality of seabirds and marine mammals in CCAMLR fisheries. Compliance with Conservation Measures 25-02 'Minimisation of the incidental mortality of seabirds in the course of longline fishing or longline fishing research in the Convention Area' and 25-03 'Minimisation of the incidental mortality of seabirds and marine mammals in the course of trawl fishing in the Convention Area' will be reviewed.

7. Marine Protected Areas

The Commission will consider recent progress in addressing considerations associated with the question of Marine Protected Areas in the Convention Area (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraphs 4.12 to 4.18; CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 6.1 to 6.6). The discussion will consider:

(i) Current activities

Particular emphasis will be given to results and advice emanating from the Bioregionalisation Workshop held in August 2007 (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 6.2 and 6.6).

(ii) Future developments.

8. Implementation and compliance

(i) Report of SCIC

The Annotated Agenda of the SCIC meeting is given in Appendix B. The Chair of SCIC will introduce the report of the Committee's meeting, and detailed findings and recommendations will be considered by the Commission under subitems (ii) and (iii) below, as well as under other relevant agenda items.

(ii) Compliance with conservation measures

The Commission will review SCIC's advice on the implementation of compliance-related provisions of conservation measures in force, particularly in respect of tagging requirements (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 7.8 and 11.24), Vanuatu's involvement in krill fishing (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 7.16 to 7.20) and the status of the IUU Vessel Lists (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 9.53) (to also be discussed under Item 10(iii) below).

(iii) Compliance evaluation procedure

The Commission will receive advice from SCIC on the intersessional work to develop a procedure for evaluating compliance with conservation measures in force (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 7.21 to 7.30).

9. Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* spp. (CDS)

(i) Report of SCIC

The relevant advice from SCIC on the operation and performance of the CDS will be presented and the subitems below will be addressed.

(ii) CDS annual report

The operation of the CDS in 2006/07 will be reviewed. The Commission will consider the advice received from SCIC and decide whether any aspect of the CDS requires revision in order to improve its efficiency.

(iii) E-CDS

The Commission will review the ongoing development and use of the E-CDS and intersessional work undertaken on its improvement (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 8.3 and 8.4 and Annex 5, paragraph 4.7).

10. Illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing in the Convention Area

(i) Report of SCIC

The relevant advice from SCIC in relation to IUU fishing will be presented and the subitems below will be addressed.

(ii) Current level of IUU fishing

The Commission will consider the current levels and trends in IUU fishing activities in the Convention Area as reported by the Secretariat and considered by WG-FSA, the Scientific Committee and SCIC. The Commission will also consider whether the current compliance-related conservation measures effectively meet CCAMLR's objectives on the elimination of IUU fishing in the Convention Area. The discussion will also include ongoing work aimed at improving estimation of IUU fishing catch levels (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 9.5).

(iii) Review of current measures aimed at eliminating IUU fishing

The Commission will consider the advice of SCIC on the implementation of Conservation Measures 10-06 'Scheme to promote compliance by Contracting Party vessels with CCAMLR conservation measures' and 10-07 'Scheme to promote compliance by non-Contracting Party vessels with CCAMLR conservation measures'. In particular, the Commission will consider SCIC's advice on the IUU Vessel Lists adopted in 2005 and 2006 and the Proposed IUU Vessel Lists for 2007. The IUU Vessel Lists for 2007 will be adopted. The Commission will also consider any developments in respect of efforts by Members and the Secretariat to engage non-Contracting Parties on the issue of IUU fishing.

The Commission will also consider the status of the 2006 Contracting Party IUU Vessel List and its application in respect of the *Volna* (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 9.53). Further options to combat IUU fishing in the Convention Area, particularly in Subarea 58.4, will also be considered (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 11.16).

11. Scheme of International Scientific Observation

A summary of scientific observations undertaken in the 2006/07 season will be presented.

The Commission will receive advice from the Scientific Committee on the implementation of the scheme and consider actions recommended by SCIC and the Scientific Committee to ensure that the scheme continues to meet its objectives and operates in the most efficient and effective way.

12. New and exploratory fisheries

Last year the Commission approved exploratory fisheries for toothfish in Subareas 48.6, 88.1 and 88.2 and Divisions 58.4.1, 58.4.2, 58.4.3a and 58.4.3b in the 2006/07 season (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 11.20 and 11.21). There were no notifications for new fisheries in 2006/07. The Commission will review the operation of these fisheries and the management measures in force.

The Commission will consider notifications from Members for new and exploratory fisheries in the 2007/08 season, received in accordance with Conservation Measures 21-01 'Notification that Members are considering initiating a new fishery' and 21-02 'Exploratory fisheries' respectively.

The Commission will consider the Scientific Committee's advice and recommendations relating to new and exploratory fisheries, including:

- developments in the tagging and research requirements in exploratory fisheries (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 11.24);
- review of catch limits in SSRUs (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 11.21 to 11.23);
- further development of CCAMLR's regulatory framework, including the steps required for moving from new and exploratory fisheries to assessed fisheries (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 10.21);
- progress in reviewing potentially destructive fishing practices, including application of Conservation Measures 21-01 and 21-02 (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 11.25 to 11.36) and the use of bottom trawling gear in the high-seas areas of the Convention Area (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 11.37);
- submission of new or exploratory fisheries notifications in accordance with the standard format agreed in 2006 (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 11.40).

13. Conservation measures

(i) Review of existing measures

The Commission will review existing conservation measures in the light of the Scientific Committee's advice and experience gained by Members in implementing measures in the 2006/07 season.

The Commission will consider SCIC's advice on work undertaken on the development of methods for assessing compliance with conservation measures and plans for future work.

Where appropriate, the Secretariat will report on proposals for the revision of existing measures which were prepared intersessionally in consultation with Members.

(ii) Consideration of new measures and other conservation requirements

Conservation measures not already addressed in the course of the Commission's deliberations under other agenda items or under subitem 13(i) will be discussed under this subitem. In particular, it will include any progress in revising the krill catch limit for Division 58.4.2 (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 12.69) and with respect to further revision of the System of Inspection (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 3.48).

14. Data access and security

The Commission will keep under review the access and security of CCAMLR data.

15. Cooperation with other elements of the Antarctic Treaty System

(i) Cooperation with Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties

CCAMLR was represented at the Thirtieth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Party Meeting (ATCM-XXX) (30 April to 11 May 2007, New Delhi, India). The Executive Secretary will report on the meeting.

The Executive Secretary also participated in the Tenth Meeting of the Committee on Environmental Protection (CEP-X) on behalf of the Chair of the Scientific Committee who was unable to attend due to ill health. The Executive Secretary will provide a report on the meeting.

The CEP Observer will also be invited to report on recent CEP initiatives of interest to CCAMLR.

Future cooperation and participation in the meetings of the ATCM and CEP in 2008 will be discussed.

(ii) Cooperation with SCAR

The report of the Scientific Committee will contain results of its deliberations on cooperation with SCAR.

In addition, the CCAMLR Observer to SCAR and the SCAR Observer to CCAMLR will be invited to report on recent SCAR initiatives of interest to CCAMLR.

Future cooperation and participation in the meetings of SCAR and its relevant subsidiary bodies in 2008 will be discussed.

(iii) Assessment of proposals for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas and Specially Managed Areas, which include marine areas

The Commission will consider the advice of the Scientific Committee on the assessment of draft management plans proposed under the Environmental Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty, for protected areas with marine area components, and submitted to CCAMLR for approval.

16. Cooperation with other international organisations

(i) Reports of observers from international organisations

The following international organisations have been invited to attend CCAMLR-XXVI as observers: ACAP, ASOC, CCSBT, CITES, COLTO, CPPS, FAO, FFA, IATTC, ICCAT, IOC, IUCN, IWC, SCOR, SEAFO, SPC and UNEP.

Their reports will have been tabled. Representatives of these and other organisations present at the meeting will be invited to present any key items from their reports. The reports from the CEP and SCAR Observers will have been dealt with under subitems 15(i) and 15(ii) above.

(ii) Reports from CCAMLR representatives at meetings of international organisations in 2006/07

Reports from CCAMLR representatives at the 2006/07 meetings of various international organisations (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 16.49) will be received.

(iii) Cooperation with CITES

The Commission will review developments in cooperation between CCAMLR and CITES on matters of mutual interest, subject to CCAMLR-XXII, paragraphs 14.18 and 14.19 and CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 16.36.

(iv) Cooperation with CCSBT

The Commission will review developments in cooperation between CCAMLR and CCSBT following discussions at CCAMLR-XXIV and CCAMLR-XXV (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraphs 15.20 to 15.23; CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 16.37 to 16.44).

(v) Cooperation with WCPFC

The Commission will review recent developments concerning a potential memorandum of understanding between CCAMLR and the Western-Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) (COMM CIRC 07/50). A number of Members have requested a full discussion on this agenda item.

(vi) Partnership in FIRMS

CCAMLR–FIRMS activities will be reviewed (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 16.45 and 16.46).

(vii) Participation in CCAMLR meetings

Developments arising from discussions at CCAMLR-XXIV and CCAMLR-XXV (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraphs 15.28 and 15.29; CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 16.47 and 16.48) will be considered.

**(viii) Nomination of representatives to meetings
of international organisations in 2007/08**

The Commission will nominate CCAMLR Observers to the 2007/08 meetings of international organisations with which CCAMLR shares a common interest. The Secretariat has compiled a timetable of future meetings of international organisations, to the extent that these are known. The Commission will also endorse similar nominations from the Scientific Committee.

17. Implementation of the objectives of the Convention

Since 1996 the Commission has agreed that specific reflection on the objectives of the Convention continues to be an important requisite of each annual meeting. The Commission will consider proposals submitted for discussion under this item. It will also consider any progress made with respect to the various strategic discussions highlighted at CCAMLR-XXIV (as a consequence of the 2005 CCAMLR Symposium) and CCAMLR-XXV (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraphs 16.11 to 16.18; CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 17.1 to 17.5), particularly in respect of the need to address climate change effects.

(i) Performance review

The USA has requested that this agenda item should consider how the Commission might approach evaluation of CCAMLR's performance in the context of global recognition of the institution's standing as a recognised 'leader' in responsible, precautionary and ecosystem-based management of the marine living resources in the Convention Area. The Secretariat has provided a paper on the matter.

18. Election of Vice-Chair of the Commission

In accordance with Rule 8 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, a Commission Vice-Chair must be elected to serve from the conclusion of the CCAMLR-XXVI until the conclusion of the Commission's 2009 meeting.

19. Next meeting

(i) Invitation of observers

Since 1994 the Commission has addressed the invitation of observers to its next meeting under this agenda item (CCAMLR-XIII, paragraph 13.7). Acceding States, non-Contracting Parties and international organisations to be invited to CCAMLR-XXVII will be identified.

(ii) Date and location

The Twenty-seventh Meeting of the Commission will be held at the CCAMLR Headquarters Building (181 Macquarie Street) in Hobart between 27 October and 7 November 2008.

20. Other business

(i) International Polar Year in 2007/08

The Commission will consider the Scientific Committee's report and advice on CCAMLR-related activities under the auspices of the International Polar Year in 2007/08 (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 20.1 to 20.12).

21. Report of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Commission

The report of the Twenty-sixth Meeting will be considered and adopted.

22. Close of the meeting

The meeting is scheduled to close at 1600 h on Friday, 2 November 2007.

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 2007 MEETING
OF THE CCAMLR STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (SCAF)**

1. Organisation of the meeting

The Committee will adopt its agenda and consider the optimum way to address it, given the time available and the requirements of SCIC. In an attempt to relieve the time pressure on SCIC, the Heads of Delegation meeting on Sunday, 21 October 2007 may change SCAF's working schedule for this year.

2. Examination of audited Financial Statements for 2006

As required by the Commission, the Auditor performed a review audit on the 2006 Financial Statements (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 3.3). No breaches of the Financial Regulations were reported. The Financial Statements, together with the associated audit report, will be presented for acceptance by the Commission. In this regard, note should also be taken of COMM CIRC 07/34.

3. Audit requirement for the 2007 Financial Statements

Under the Financial Regulations, the Commission may authorise a full audit for the 2007 Financial Statements, or may decide that only a review audit will be required. As a review audit was carried out on the 2005 and 2006 Financial Statements, a full audit will be required for the 2007 statements (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 3.3).

4. Secretariat Strategic Plan

The Secretariat Strategic Plan to support the work of the Commission and the Scientific Committee was presented to the Commission in 2002. The Commission determined that implementation of the plan would form the basis of the Executive Secretary's annual performance appraisal. The Executive Secretary will present any new developments in this regard.

5. Review of 2007 budget

The expected results of the 2007 budget will be presented for review.

6. Interpreting services for SCIC

At CCAMLR-XXIV, the Heads of Delegations requested the Secretariat to prepare a paper outlining the cost of providing interpreting services to SCIC (CCAMLR-XXIV, Annex 5, paragraph 7.1). The Committee considered this paper and provided advice to the Commission regarding the costs of the proposal, noting that the Commission's current budget was already under considerable pressure, particularly as the result of a higher-than-expected request from the Scientific Committee (CCAMLR-XXV, Annex 4, paragraphs 17 and 18). As many Members supported the simultaneous interpretation services being available to SCIC, the Commission agreed to revisit this issue at its next meeting (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraphs 3.11 to 3.15). The Secretariat will prepare an updated paper for SCAF to consider and provide any necessary advice to the Commission.

7. Wireless computer network

The Secretariat will report on the status of this project.

8. Contingency Fund

As required by the agreed procedures (CCAMLR-XXI, Annex 4, paragraph 21), the Executive Secretary will report on expenditure from the Contingency Fund during the year, together with any other budgetary consequences.

9. Professional Staff salaries

No proposals have been submitted in respect of providing experts to review the Professional Staff salary structure. The Committee will consider how it may wish to proceed on this matter.

10. Budget for 2008

A draft budget for 2008 will be presented. This will be used to prepare a recommended budget for 2008, taking into account SCAF's discussions on financial and administrative issues, as well as advice from the Chairs of the Scientific Committee and SCIC.

(i) Scientific Committee budget

The Chair of the Scientific Committee will be invited to present the Scientific Committee's budget for 2008 and its forecast budget for 2009 so that these may be included in the Commission's overall budgets. She will also be invited to advise SCAF of any other Scientific Committee decisions which would affect the Commission's budget.

(ii) Advice from SCIC

The Chair of SCIC will be invited to present the financial implications of SCIC'S recommendations to the Commission for the Committee's consideration.

11. Multi-year funding of Scientific Committee tasks

At its 2004 meeting, the Commission endorsed the establishment and use of a Special Science Fund to enable deferral of funding to future years for certain Scientific Committee tasks. The Committee will consider any requests from the Scientific Committee for deferral of funds budgeted for expenditure in 2007 to 2008.

12. Members' contributions

(i) Timing of Members' contributions

When revising Financial Regulation 5.6 in 1999, the Commission modified the date by which annual contributions are required to be paid. This revision permits Members who advise their inability to meet the deadline set out in Regulation 5.6 to have an extended deadline of up to 90 days. The

Commission has agreed that the Committee will continue to review this regulation and Members' compliance therewith. The Committee will also consider the need to retain the extended deadline for some Members in 2007.

(ii) Treatment of late payments

As requested by the Commission (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.23), the Secretariat presented a paper outlining the measures taken by similar organisations in their treatment of late payment of member contributions for the consideration of SCAF at its 2006 meeting (CCAMLR-XXV, Annex 4 paragraph 33). At the Commission meeting, some Members expressed concern with the subsequent SCAF proposal and the Commission deferred the matter to its next meeting, encouraging those Members with concerns to attend the 2007 SCAF meeting to fully debate the issue (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 3.22).

13. Forecast budget for 2009

The Committee will present a forecast budget for 2009 to the Commission for information purposes only.

14. CDS Fund

Any requests for expenditure from the CDS Fund are required to be submitted through the CDS Fund Review Panel (CCAMLR-XX, paragraphs 3.27 and 3.28). The Committee will receive the advice of the panel on expenditure from the fund since the 2006 meeting and proposals received for future expenditure from the fund.

15. Any other business

The Committee will discuss any other business which the Commission may wish to refer to it for consideration.

16. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of SCAF for 2008 and 2009

In 2005 the Committee reappointed Germany as the Chair of SCAF, and appointed New Zealand as Vice-Chair, until the end of the 2007 meeting. Both the positions of

Chair and Vice-Chair of SCAF will therefore be up for election. Members should note that Germany has now served two terms as Chair and is therefore ineligible for reappointment.

17. Adoption of the report

The Committee will adopt its report to the Commission.

18. Close of the meeting.

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 2007 MEETING
OF THE CCAMLR STANDING COMMITTEE ON
IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE (SCIC)**

1. Opening of the meeting

(i) Adoption of agenda

The agenda for the meeting will be considered and adopted.

(ii) Organisation of the meeting

The organisation of the meeting will be decided taking into account the time available and the proposed structure for the Committee's deliberations.

(iii) Review of submitted papers, reports and other presentations

The Secretariat will present a summary list of documents submitted to SCIC which will be subdivided by agenda item. The Committee will consider the list of papers and any additional presentations proposed by Members. The Committee will then prioritise discussion of papers taking into account the time available, the meeting workload and the agenda.

2. Review of compliance and implementation-related measures and policies

(i) Compliance with conservation measures in force

The Secretariat will present a summary of reports received from Members on the implementation of compliance-related provisions of conservation measures in force, including licensing of vessels, port inspections of Contracting and non-Contracting Party vessels, operation of the C-VMS, data submission requirements etc.

The Secretariat will also present a summary of at-sea inspections undertaken, the results of these inspections and comments received from Flag States. Flag

States will be invited to present additional information, if any, with respect to inspections undertaken. The Committee will review the operation of the System of Inspection and consider any proposals received on the improvement of the system.

The Committee will review and assess Contracting Parties' implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.

(ii) Compliance evaluation procedure

The Vice-Chair will report on the work of intersessional group established by SCIC to consider further key compliance elements identified by the Secretariat, including development of compliance evaluation criteria and a standard procedure model that can consistently be used to evaluate performance of vessels with conservation measures in force (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 7.30 and Annex 5, paragraphs 3.34 and 3.35).

The Committee will discuss the report and consider the organisation of future work required to develop and implement a procedure for the evaluation of compliance with conservation measures in force.

(iii) Proposals for new and revised measures

The Committee will consider any proposals for the revision of current compliance-related conservation measures or the establishment of any additional measures. If an additional measure is required, the Committee will prepare a draft of the measure and submit it for further consideration by the Commission.

3. IUU fishing in the Convention Area

(i) Current level of IUU fishing

The Committee will consider the report on current levels of IUU catches in the Convention Area as prepared by the Secretariat taking into consideration the recommendations of JAG. The Committee will review the estimates of the current levels and trends in IUU fishing activities in the Convention Area and

will consider whether the current enforcement measures effectively meet their objectives on the elimination of IUU fishing in the Convention Area. In particular, special attention will be paid to reports on gillnet fishing by IUU vessels in the Convention Area.

(ii) Procedure for estimation of IUU catches

The Committee will consider the results of intersessional testing by the Secretariat of matrices adopted by JAG and SCIC in 2006 (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 9.5 and Annex 5, paragraph 2.20 and Appendix III) which were developed to provide a confidence ranking in respect of individual incidents of IUU fishing.

(iii) IUU Vessel Lists

The Committee will review reports submitted by Contracting and non-Contracting Parties on measures they have taken to avoid any undermining of the effectiveness of CCAMLR conservation measures resulting from activities of their vessels included in the IUU Vessel Lists adopted in 2006. In particular, the Committee will consider additional information submitted by Russia relating to the decision postponed by the Commission in 2006 regarding the inclusion of the vessel *Volna* on the IUU Vessel List (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 9.40).

The Committee will also review comments and information received on vessels included in the Provisional List of IUU vessels for 2007 in accordance with Conservation Measures 10-06 and 10-07.

The Committee will prepare recommendations to the Commission on vessels which should be removed from the IUU Vessel Lists adopted in 2006 and on vessels to be retained in the Provisional List of IUU Vessels for 2007.

4. Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS)

The Committee will consider the results of the CDS operation in 2006/07. The Committee will also consider whether any aspect of the CDS requires revision in order to improve its efficiency.

The Committee will consider a report prepared by the Secretariat on the ongoing development and use of the E-CDS which will include intersessional work on improvements to the E-CDS (CCAMLR XXV, paragraph 8.3 and Annex 5, paragraph 4.7).

5. Scheme of International Scientific Observation

The Committee will consider advice from the Scientific Committee on the operational requirements of the scheme, in particular, for the 2007/08 season.

Also taking account of any Scientific Committee advice, the Committee will consider whether revision is required of any of the operational aspects of the scheme.

6. Other business

The Committee will consider and prepare advice to the Commission on any other business, including any additional requests received from the Commission at the meeting.

7. Advice to the Commission

The Secretariat will present a summary of advice to the Commission prepared during this meeting for appending to the SCIC report.

8. Advice to SCAF

Any aspect of the Committee's advice with financial implications will be forwarded directly to SCAF. It will include, in particular, requirements for the full-scale implementation of the E-CDS and operation of the C-VMS.

9. Adoption of the report

The report of the meeting will be adopted.

10. Close of the meeting

The 2007 meeting of SCIC will be closed.

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING
OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES**

1. Opening of the meeting
 - (i) Adoption of the agenda
 - (ii) Report of the Chair
 - (iii) Preparation of advice to SCAF and SCIC
2. Advances in statistics, assessments, modelling and survey methods
 - (i) Advice from WG-SAM
 - (ii) Advice from SG-ASAM
 - (iii) Advice to the Commission
3. Ecosystem monitoring and management
 - (i) Advice from WG-EMM
 - (ii) Management of protected areas
 - (iii) Interactions between WG-EMM and WG-FSA
 - (iv) Advice to the Commission
4. Harvested species
 - (i) Krill resources
 - (a) Status and trends
 - (b) Advice from WG-EMM
 - (c) Notifications for krill fisheries in the 2007/08 season
 - (d) Advice to the Commission
 - (ii) Fish resources
 - (a) Status and trends
 - (b) Target species
 - (c) Advice from WG-FSA
 - (d) Advice to the Commission
 - (iii) New and exploratory fisheries
 - (a) New and exploratory fisheries in the 2006/07 season
 - (b) Notifications for new and exploratory fisheries in the 2007/08 season
 - (c) Revision of boundaries
 - (d) Advice to the Commission
 - (iv) Crab resources
 - (a) Status and trends
 - (b) Advice from WG-FSA
 - (c) Advice to the Commission

- (v) Squid resources
 - (a) Status and trends
 - (b) Advice from WG-FSA
 - (c) Advice to the Commission
 - (vi) Fish and invertebrate by-catch
 - (a) Status and trends
 - (b) Advice from WG-FSA
 - (c) Advice to the Commission
- 5. Incidental mortality
 - (i) Incidental mortality of seabirds and marine mammals arising from fisheries
 - (ii) Advice to the Commission
- 6. Additional monitoring and management issues
 - (i) Marine debris
 - (ii) Marine mammal and bird populations
 - (iii) Advice to the Commission
- 7. CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation
 - (i) Scientific observations 2006/07
 - (ii) Advice to the Commission
- 8. Management under conditions of uncertainty about stock size and sustainable yield
- 9. Scientific research exemption
- 10. Cooperation with other organisations
 - (i) Cooperation with the Antarctic Treaty System
 - (ii) Reports of observers from other international organisations
 - (iii) Reports of representatives at meetings of other international organisations
 - (iv) Future cooperation
- 11. Budget for 2008 and forecast budget for 2009
- 12. Advice to SCIC and SCAF
- 13. Secretariat supported activities
 - (i) Data management
 - (ii) Publications
- 14. Scientific Committee activities
 - (i) Coordination of the work of the Scientific Committee and its working groups
 - (ii) Intersessional activities
 - (iii) CCAMLR-IPY projects
 - (iv) Joint CCAMLR-IWC workshop
 - (v) Invitation of observers to the next meeting
 - (vi) Invitation of experts to the meetings of working groups
 - (vii) Next meeting

15. Election of Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee
16. Other business
17. Adoption of the Report of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Scientific Committee
18. Close of the meeting.

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE
TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR
THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES¹**

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair (Dr E. Fanta, Brazil) will open the meeting and welcome delegations of CCAMLR Members and observers. International organisations invited to the meeting are listed in Agenda Item 10(ii). The organisation of the meeting and in-house arrangements will be discussed.

(i) Adoption of the agenda

The Preliminary Agenda for the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Scientific Committee was prepared and distributed on 10 July 2007 in accordance with Rule 5 of the Scientific Committee's Rules of Procedure. In the absence of any suggested changes, this became the Provisional Agenda and has been distributed as such in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

(ii) Report of the Chair

The Chair will report on intersessional activities undertaken since the Twenty-fifth Meeting (SC-CAMLR-XXV).

(iii) Preparation of advice to SCAF and SCIC

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will provide preliminary advice to SCAF and SCIC on matters of relevance to these standing committees which will meet concurrently with the meeting of the Scientific Committee.

¹ Abbreviations of subsidiary bodies of the Scientific Committee and the Commission used throughout this Agenda are WG-EMM (Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management), WG-FSA (Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment), ad hoc WG-IMAF (ad hoc Working Group on Incidental Mortality Arising from Fishing), WG-SAM (provisionally known as Working Group on Statistics, Assessments and Modelling), SG-ASAM (Subgroup on Acoustic Survey and Analysis Methods), SCAF (Standing Committee on Administration and Finance), SCIC (Standing Committee on Implementation and Compliance) and JAG (Joint Assessment Group).

The Scientific Committee will conclude its advice to SCAF and SCIC under Agenda Item 12.

2. Advances in statistics, assessments, modelling and survey methods

The Scientific Committee will consider advice from WG-SAM on developments in statistics, assessments and modelling, and from SG-ASAM on acoustic survey and analysis methods.

(i) Advice from WG-SAM

The Co-conveners of WG-SAM (Drs C. Jones, USA and A. Constable, Australia) will present the WG-SAM report, including developments in fish stock assessment methods and the procedure for subdividing krill catch limits in Area 48 amongst small-scale management units.

(ii) Advice from SG-ASAM

The Co-conveners of the third meeting of SG-ASAM (Drs R. O'Driscoll, New Zealand and M. Collins, UK), or their nominated representative, will present the SG-ASAM report, including developments in the use of acoustic data for assessing the biomass of icefish and krill, and the acoustic sampling protocols for CCAMLR-related work during IPY.

(iii) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will advise the Commission on matters of relevance to the development of statistics, assessments, modelling and survey methods.

3. Ecosystem monitoring and management

The Scientific Committee will consider advice from WG-EMM on ecosystem monitoring, management and assessment.

(i) Advice from WG-EMM

The Convener of WG-EMM (Dr K. Reid, UK) will present the relevant sections of the WG-EMM report, including information on ecosystem

assessment, krill-centred interactions, krill management procedures, developments in ecosystem models, predator surveys, fish and squid-centred interactions, and consideration of precautionary approaches and ecosystem approaches applied in other parts of the world. This will include arrangements for the joint CCAMLR-IWC workshop scheduled for 2008.

(ii) Management of protected areas

The Scientific Committee will consider the report of the Bioregionalisation Workshop (SC-CAMLR-XXV, paragraph 3.57). The workshop focused on technical developments of methods for bioregionalisation of the Southern Ocean (SC-CAMLR-XXV, paragraph 3.33(i)). Future work on methods for selection and designation of MPAs will be discussed (SC-CAMLR-XXV, paragraph 3.33(ii)).

The Scientific Committee will also consider WG-EMM's advice on matters discussed this year by the Advisory Subgroup on Marine Protected Areas.

(iii) Interactions between WG-EMM and WG-FSA

The Scientific Committee will consider the report from the joint WG-FSA and WG-EMM Workshop on Fisheries and Ecosystem Models in the Antarctic. The Scientific Committee will also consider future work on ecosystem interactions of finfish fisheries and the integration of the work of WG-FSA, WG-EMM and WG-SAM on finfish ecosystem modelling.

(iv) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will advise on recent developments in relation to ecosystem monitoring and management.

4. Harvested species

(i) Krill resources

(a) Status and trends

Members will be invited to inform the Scientific Committee of recent developments and trends in krill fisheries in the Convention Area. The Secretariat will summarise fishery data reported for the current season.

(b) Advice from WG-EMM

The Convener of WG-EMM (Dr Reid) will present the relevant sections of the WG-EMM report.

(c) Notifications for krill fisheries in the 2007/08 season

Notifications for krill fisheries in the forthcoming 2007/08 season will be reviewed and the advice of WG-EMM considered.

(d) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will provide management advice.

(ii) Fish resources

(a) Status and trends

Members will be invited to inform the Scientific Committee of recent developments and trends in finfish fisheries in the Convention Area. The Secretariat will summarise fishery data reported for the current season. The report of WG-FSA will contain further information.

(b) Target species

The Convener of WG-FSA (Dr S. Hanchet, New Zealand) will present the sections of the WG-FSA report dealing with the assessment of fish

resources and recommendations on their management. Matters related to new and exploratory fisheries, including notifications for the 2007/08 season, will be discussed under Agenda Item 4(iii).

(c) Advice from WG-FSA

The Scientific Committee will consider the recommendations of WG-FSA dealing with the assessment of fish resources and recommendations on their management.

(d) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will provide management advice.

(iii) New and exploratory fisheries

(a) New and exploratory fisheries in the 2006/07 season

The Secretariat will summarise fishing activities in new and exploratory fisheries in the 2006/07 season. Information on these fisheries and the deliberations of WG-FSA on these matters will be reviewed.

(b) Notifications for new and exploratory fisheries in the 2007/08 season

Notifications for new and exploratory fisheries in the forthcoming 2007/08 season will be reviewed and the advice of WG-FSA considered.

(c) Revision of boundaries

The Scientific Committee will review and provide advice on possible revision of various boundaries, if any are proposed.

(d) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will provide advice concerning new and exploratory fisheries.

The Commission has also requested that the Scientific Committee:

- review the use of bottom trawling gear in high-seas areas of the Convention Area, including with respect to relevant criteria for determining what constitutes significant harm to benthos and benthic communities in the Convention Area (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 11.37);
- investigate the potential impacts of fishing on shark species in the Convention Area (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 11.38)

(iv) Crab resources

(a) Status and trends

Members will be invited to inform the Scientific Committee of recent developments and trends in the crab fisheries in the Convention Area, and their intentions to fish in the 2007/08 season. The Secretariat will summarise fishery data reported for the current season.

(b) Advice from WG-FSA

The Convener of WG-FSA (Dr Hanchet) will present the results of WG-FSA's deliberations on crab resources.

(c) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will provide management advice.

(v) Squid resources

(a) Status and trends

Members will be invited to inform the Scientific Committee of recent developments and trends in squid fisheries in the Convention Area. The Secretariat will summarise fishery data reported for the current season. Notifications for the exploratory fishery in Subarea 48.3 in the 2007/08 season will be reviewed and the advice of WG-FSA considered.

(b) Advice from WG-FSA

The Convener of WG-FSA (Dr Hanchet) will present the results of WG-FSA's deliberations on squid resources.

(c) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will provide management advice.

(vi) Fish and invertebrate by-catch

(a) Status and trends

Members will be invited to inform the Scientific Committee of recent developments and trends in by-catch from fisheries in the Convention Area. The Secretariat will summarise by-catch data reported for the current season.

(b) Advice from WG-FSA

The Scientific Committee will consider the recommendations of WG-FSA on developments in fishing methods, education and other matters relevant to by-catch in CCAMLR fisheries.

(c) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will provide management advice.

5. Incidental mortality

(i) Incidental mortality of seabirds and marine mammals arising from fisheries

The Co-conveners of ad hoc WG-IMAF (Dr K. Rivera, USA and Mr N. Smith, New Zealand) will report on the intersessional activities of WG-IMAF and the group's meeting conducted as part of WG-FSA.

The Scientific Committee will consider the recommendations of WG-IMAF and WG-EMM on research priorities, developments in fishing methods, education and other matters of importance to the elimination of incidental mortality of seabirds and marine mammals arising from fisheries.

(ii) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will provide management advice.

6. Additional monitoring and management issues

(i) Marine debris

Members are required to report results of marine debris surveys and observations on the incidence and impact of marine debris on Antarctic marine living resources according to standard reporting requirements adopted at CCAMLR-XX (paragraphs 6.1 to 6.5). Based on Members' reports received, an annual summary report on the status and trends in marine debris-related observations will be submitted by the Secretariat.

(ii) Marine mammal and bird populations

WG-EMM has been planning a workshop to develop regional estimates of land-based predator abundance and demand in Area 48 (SC-CAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.32; SC-CAMLR-XXIV, Annex 4, paragraph 6.9). This workshop is scheduled for 2008 (SC-CAMLR-XXV, paragraph 3.28(v)).

The Scientific Committee will consider further advice from WG-EMM on progress with preparation for the workshop.

(iii) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will provide management advice concerning marine debris and its impact on Antarctic marine living resources, and further work required to develop regional estimates of land-based predator abundance and demand in Area 48.

7. CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation

(i) Scientific observations

The results of scientific observations carried out in accordance with the Scheme of International Scientific Observation in the 2006/07 season have been discussed by WG-EMM and WG-FSA and reported to the Scientific Committee. The Secretariat will summarise all observation programs undertaken and data received.

The operation of the scheme during the 2006/07 season will be reviewed.

The Scientific Committee will consider scientific objectives and priorities for the deployment of CCAMLR international scientific observers and, in particular, the requirements for collecting scientific observations on board vessels fishing for krill (SC-CAMLR-XXV, paragraph 2.22(ii)).

At its last meeting, the Scientific Committee noted that the quality and accuracy of observations could be improved by adopting a standard approach to education and training for observers (SC-CAMLR-XXV, paragraph 2.11). As requested, the Secretariat corresponded with Members intersessionally and prepared an overview report on national observer education and observer training programs. The Scientific Committee will consider the report and discuss further work required to develop an approach for achieving a common level of observer education and training.

The reports of WG-EMM and WG-FSA will contain recommendations to the Scientific Committee on these matters.

(ii) Advice to the Commission

The Scientific Committee will advise the Commission on matters of relevance to the implementation of the scheme and its objectives.

Consideration will also be given to the general operational requirements of the scheme for the forthcoming season so as to assist the Chair in preparing advice to SCIC.

8. Management under conditions of uncertainty about stock size and sustainable yield

The Scientific Committee will consider the recommendations of WG-FSA and WG-EMM regarding the Regulatory Framework for managing CCAMLR fisheries, and the development of management strategy evaluations. The Scientific Committee will also consider the further development of a proposal for fishery management plans (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 13.11).

WG-FSA will also report to the Scientific Committee on IUU catch estimates used for stock assessment purposes, and recent trends in IUU fishing activities as prepared by the Secretariat and considered by WG-FSA. The IUU catch estimates were prepared by the Secretariat taking into account the recommendations of JAG in 2006. The Commission has requested that the Scientific Committee and WG-FSA develop likely catch rate distributions for IUU fishing vessels by area using data from licensed vessels, and determine credible ranges for IUU estimates (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 13.5).

9. Scientific research exemption

The Scientific Committee will review available information relevant to Conservation Measure 24-01, and consider Members' notifications for scientific research surveys in 2007/08.

The Scientific Committee will provide management advice, as appropriate.

10. Cooperation with other organisations

(i) Cooperation with the Antarctic Treaty System

The Scientific Committee will consider the report on the Tenth Meeting of the Committee on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty (CEP).

The Scientific Committee will discuss cooperation with SCAR based on reports received from the SCAR Observer and the CCAMLR Liaison Officer to SCAR.

(ii) Reports of observers from other international organisations

Reports will be received from representatives of international organisations present as observers at the Scientific Committee meeting. Those invited include: ACAP, ASOC, CCSBT, CEP, CITES, COLTO, CPPS, FAO, FFA, IATTC, ICCAT, IOC, IUCN, IWC, SCAR, SCOR, SPC and UNEP.

(iii) Reports of representatives at meetings of other international organisations

Reports will be received from representatives nominated by the Scientific Committee to attend meetings of other international organisations during 2006/07 (SC-CAMLR-XXV, paragraph 9.25).

(iv) Future cooperation

The Scientific Committee will discuss the further development of its cooperation with other international organisations and consider any proposals for cooperation received by the Scientific Committee under subitems (i) and (ii) above.

Observers will be nominated to participate in meetings of other international organisations in 2007/08. A calendar of known international meetings of interest to the Scientific Committee has been compiled by the Secretariat.

The Scientific Committee will consider the invitation of observers from international organisations to the next meeting of the Scientific Committee and to its working groups during the 2007/08 intersessional period.

11. Budget for 2008 and forecast budget for 2009

The financial implications of decisions taken during the meeting will be used to prepare a detailed Scientific Committee budget for 2008. This budget will be based on the costs of ongoing projects and new proposals. A forecast budget for 2009 will also be discussed.

In developing its budget, the Scientific Committee will need to consider the working groups' requirements for invited experts and other contracted work, including terms of reference, costing and expected outputs and reporting. The Scientific Committee will also review the Special Science Fund and its requirements for multi-year funding.

12. Advice to SCIC and SCAF

The Scientific Committee will summarise for the Commission its recommendations to SCIC and SCAF on matters relating to their work.

13. Secretariat supported activities

(i) Data management

The Scientific Committee will review the Data Manager's report on the Secretariat's requirements for data management and measures taken to maintain the integrity of the CCAMLR database.

(ii) Publications

The 14th volume of *CCAMLR Science* will be published prior to CCAMLR-XXVI. The Chair of the Editorial Board will advise of any changes, if required, to the editorial policy of *CCAMLR Science*.

Other CCAMLR documents published in 2007 include:

- *Report of the Twenty-fifth Meeting of the Scientific Committee*
- *CCAMLR Scientific Abstracts 2006* (electronic version only)
- *Statistical Bulletin*, Vol. 19 (hardcopy and electronic version)
- revisions to the *Scientific Observers electronic logbooks*.

The Scientific Committee will advise the Commission on future CCAMLR publication requirements.

14. Scientific Committee activities

(i) Coordination of the work of the Scientific Committee and its working groups

Following the formation of WG-SAM in 2006, the Scientific Committee agreed to establish a long-term science plan to set the priorities of WG-SAM, WG-EMM, WG-FSA, ad hoc WG-IMAF and its other groups including SG-ASAM (SC-CAMLR-XXV, paragraph 13.13). The Scientific Committee will consider the recommendations from conveners on the future work of their groups. The Scientific Committee will revise its priorities and timetable for future work, and establish a long-term science plan.

(ii) Intersessional activities

The intersessional activities of the Scientific Committee in 2007/08 will be discussed and planned. This will include identifying the dates and venues for meetings of working groups and other groups, the timing of data submission to the Secretariat, and a schedule of agreed actions to be undertaken by the Chair, conveners of working groups, Members and the Secretariat.

The Scientific Committee may also wish to outline a schedule of agreed activities planned for 2008/09 and beyond.

(iii) CCAMLR-IPY projects

The Scientific Committee will review activities planned during the 2007/08 International Polar Year. The Co-conveners of the CCAMLR-IPY Steering Group (Mr S. Iversen, Norway and Dr Fanta, Chair of the Scientific Committee) will report on the 2007 planning and recent developments in CCAMLR-IPY activities. The Scientific Committee will advise the Commission on these matters.

(iv) Joint CCAMLR-IWC workshop

The Scientific Committee will review progress made to hold a joint CCAMLR-IWC workshop to review information required for ecosystem models being developed to provide management advice on krill predators in the Antarctic marine ecosystem.

(v) Invitation of observers to the next meeting

The Scientific Committee will consider the invitation of observers to its next annual meeting and the intersessional meetings of its working groups.

(vi) Invitation of experts to the meetings of working groups

On the basis of advice from working group conveners and in accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Committee will decide whether invitations should be extended to scientists and ‘experts’ to attend intersessional meetings of its working groups.

(vii) Next meeting

The next meetings of the Scientific Committee and the Commission to be held at CCAMLR Headquarters in Hobart from 27 October to 7 November 2008.

15. Election of Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee

In accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee, an election will be held for one of the two Vice-Chairs of the Scientific Committee for a term of two regular meetings (2008 and 2009).

16. Other business

The Scientific Committee will consider any other business.

17. Adoption of the Report of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee will adopt the Report of the Twenty-sixth Meeting.

18. Close of the meeting.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE**MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE 22 OCTOBER TO 2 NOVEMBER 2007**

OCTOBER	Agenda no.	SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE	Agenda no.	COMMISSION	OTHER EVENTS
Mon 22	9.00-10.15		1,2	Opening, Welcome Address, Organisation of Meeting	
	10.45-12.30	1,2 Opening of Meeting, Advances in statistics, assessments etc		SCIC	
	14.00-15.30	3(i) EMM: Advice from WG-EMM		SCIC	
	15.45-17.30	3(ii)-(iv) EMM - MPAs, Interactions WG-EMM & WG-FSA, Advice to Commission		SCIC	Commission Chair's Reception 18.00-19.30
Tue 23	9.00-10.30	5 Incidental Mortality		SCAF for 0.5 hr, then SCIC/SCAF	
	10.45-12.30	4(i),(ii) Harvested Species - Krill, Fish		SCIC/SCAF	
	14.00-15.30	4(ii),(iii) Harvested Species - Fish, New & exploratory fisheries		SCIC/SCAF	
	15.45-17.30	4(iii)-(vi) N & E fisheries, Crabs, Squid, Fish & invertebrate by-catch		SCIC/SCAF	
Wed 24	9.00-10.30	6,7,11,12 Additional monitoring & management, Observation Scheme,		SCIC	
	10.45-12.30	8,9,13 Mgmt under uncertainty, Scientific research exemption, Secretariat supported activities		SCIC	
	14.00-15.30	10 Cooperation with other organisations		SCIC (including Scientific Committee advice)	
	15.45-17.30	10,11,12 Coop other orgs, Budget, Advice to SCIC and SCAF		SCIC	
Thu 25	9.00-10.30	14 SC Activities		SCAF (including Scientific Committee and SCIC advice)	
	10.45-12.30	15,16 Election of Vice-Chair, Other Business		SCIC/SCAF Report preparation	
	14.00-15.30	Preparation of Report		SCIC/SCAF Report preparation	
	15.45-17.30	Preparation of Report		SCIC Report preparation/SCAF Report Adoption	
Fri 26	9.00-10.30	16 Adoption of Report		SCIC Report preparation	
	10.45-12.30	16 Adoption of Report		SCIC Report preparation	
	14.00-15.30	16 Adoption of Report		SCIC Report adoption	
	15.45-17.30	16,17 Adoption of Report, Close of Meeting		SCIC Report adoption	
Sat 27					
Sun 28					
Mon 29	9.00-10.30		15,16	Coop with ATS, Coop with Int Orgs	
	10.45-12.30		4	Sci Committee Intro, Fishery Status, Dependent Species	
	14.00-15.30		4	Sci Committee - Harvested Species	
	15.45-17.30		4,14	SC-Ecosystem assessment, Data Access and Security	
Tue 30	9.00-10.30		6,4	Incidental Mortality (incl. Marine Debris)	
	10.45-12.30		13,4	Conservation Measures - Fish, Crab & Krill	
	14.00-15.30		8,9,11	Implementation & Compliance, CDS, Observation Scheme	Reception at Government House 19.00 to 22.00
	15.45-17.30		10	Illegal, Unregulated & Unreported Fishing	
Wed 31	9.00-10.30		12,4	New & Exploratory Fisheries	
	10.45-12.30		7,4	Marine Protected Areas	
	14.00-15.30		5,17	Mngmnt under Uncertainty, Implementation of Objective	
	15.45-17.30		3,13	Finance & Administration, Conservations Measures	
Thu 1	9.00-10.30		13	Conservation Measures	
	10.45-12.30		18,19,20	Elect Vice-Chair, Next Meeting, Other Business	
	14.00-15.30			Preparation of Report	
	15.45-17.30			Preparation of Report	
Fri 2	9.00-10.30		21	Adoption of Report	
	10.45-12.30		21	Adoption of Report	
	14.00-15.30		21	Adoption of Report	
	15.45-16.00		22	Close of Meeting (16.00)	End of meeting function after close of meeting