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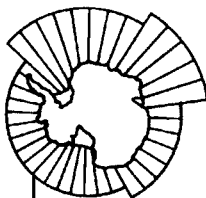
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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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Members are advised that the Secretariat has prepared preliminary STATLANT data for 2006/07 in accordance with the decisions of the Commission and Scientific Committee (CCAMLR-XXVI, paragraph 4.89; SC-CAMLR-XXVI, paragraphs 13.5 to 13.11). Members recently involved with fishing or fishery surveys in the Convention Area will receive an email by 21 December containing preliminary STATLANT data for 2006/07, data for 2005/06 and an explanatory note (attached).

Members are requested to validate the preliminary STATLANT data for 2006/07, and check the data reported for 2005/06. Amendments and corrections should be made on the Excel file provided and returned to the Secretariat before 1 February 2008.

Dr D.G.M. Miller
Executive Secretary

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

PRELIMINARY STATLANT DATA FOR 2006/07

Background

In 2007 the Commission and Scientific Committee endorsed the Secretariat's proposal to improve the quality of STATLANT data by implementing an iterative approach to the submission of these data (CCAMLR-XXVI, paragraph 4.89; SC-CAMLR-XXVI, paragraphs 13.5 to 13.11). The approach involved the preparation of STATLANT data based on catch and effort data submitted to the Secretariat, and validation of the preliminary data by Members. The timing of the approach and submission of STATLANT data is linked to the preparation of CCAMLR's Statistical Bulletin in March each year.

Noting the Scientific Committee's comments on discrepancies between catch and effort reports (TAC data), haul-by-haul data and STATLANT data (SC-CAMLR-XXVI, paragraph 13.10), the Secretariat has prepared preliminary STATLANT data based on the best data available. Where available, haul-by-haul data provide the best data on catch and effort and, therefore, we have based the preliminary STATLANT data on: TAC data¹ for krill fisheries; and haul-by-haul data for all other fisheries.

For validation purposes, the Secretariat has also added a new STATLANT field for reporting incidental catches of seabirds and marine mammals².

Preliminary STATLANT Data for 2006/07

The preliminary STATLANT data are available in the accompanying Excel file, and the data form has been structured to allow TAC and haul-by-haul data to be displayed alongside the preliminary STATLANT data. Variations in values reported in the datasets, and cells where data are not available, are highlighted. **Members are requested to validate the preliminary STATLANT data** for 2006/07, noting variations in information reported in TAC and haul-by-haul data. Corrections should be made on the Excel file, and returned to the Secretariat **before 1 February 2008**.

Validation of STATLANT Data for 2005/06

In the accompanying Excel file, the Secretariat has also provided a comparison of TAC, haul-by-haul and STATLANT data for 2005/06. Variations in values reported in the datasets, and cells where data are not available, are highlighted. **Members are requested to check the data** reported for 2005/06, noting variations in information reported in TAC, haul-by-haul and STATLANT data. Corrections should be made on the Excel file, and returned to the Secretariat **before 1 February 2008**.

Further Information

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¹ TAC data are used here because the deadline for the submission of haul-by-haul data from krill fisheries is April of the year following the end of the season.

² The new STATLANT field is called 'incidental mortality' and reports the number of animals taken and killed incidentally while fishing.