



联合国
粮食及
农业组织

Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

Organisation des Nations
Unies pour l'alimentation
et l'agriculture

Продовольственная и
сельскохозяйственная организация
Объединенных Наций

Organización de las
Naciones Unidas para la
Alimentación y la Agricultura

منظمة
الغذية والزراعة
للأمم المتحدة

COUNCIL

Hundred and Fifty-fifth Session

Rome, 5-9 December 2016

Margarita Lizárraga Medal

Executive Summary

The Selection Committee for the Margarita Lizárraga Medal, which is awarded biennially to a person or organization that has served with distinction in the application of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries by the Director-General upon the proposal of the Council, met in Rome on 14 July 2016 and unanimously agreed that the 2016-2017 Award be given to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), based in Australia.

Suggested action by the Council

The Council is invited to:

- endorse the nomination of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) and recommend that the Medal be presented by the Director-General during a special ceremony to be held before 31 December 2017.

Queries on the substantive content of this document may be addressed to:

Mr Hiromoto Watanabe
Senior Fisheries Officer
Fisheries and Aquaculture Department
Tel.: +39 06570 55252



1. At its 29th Session in November 1997, the FAO Conference, by Resolution 18/97, instituted the Margarita Lizárraga Medal. The Medal is awarded biennially by the Director-General, upon a proposal of the Council, to a person or organization that has served with distinction in the application of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. The Medal pays tribute to the late Ms Margarita Saucedo Lizárraga, Senior FAO Fishery Liaison Officer, for her decisive role in promoting the Code, for her work in the field of fisheries for almost forty years, and for her strong commitment to fostering the promotion of the fisheries sector, especially in developing countries.

2. The Selection Committee for the Award, composed of the Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department and the Bureau of the 32nd Session of the Committee on Fisheries, met in Rome on 14 July 2016. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Director-General (Coordinator for Natural Resources), representing the Director-General.

3. The Selection Committee reviewed the three nominations for the 2016-2017 biennium, proposed by the *ad hoc* Screening Committee, taking into consideration that the nominee must have demonstrated:

- an outstanding, practical and hands-on contribution to the application of the Code;
- tangible output;
- results achieved were a sustained effort and not a one-off initiative; and
- results achieved have the potential for a snow-ball/catalytic effect.

4. The Committee unanimously agreed that the 2016-2017 Award be given to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), based in Australia.

5. CCAMLR was selected in recognition of its conservation and management of marine living resources in the Convention Area (Southern Ocean), consistent with the Code, in particular for the precautionary and ecosystem-sensitive approach taken by the Commission to balance environmental conservation with the rational utilization of resources. Its achievements are considered a model for similar initiatives and could have a catalytic effect on other Regional Fishery Bodies (RFBs). The contribution of CCAMLR in application of the Code of Conduct is therefore deemed to be outstanding, practical, tangible and sustainable, as well as catalytic.