

CCAMLR REPORT

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1. Developments on inventories of marine resources, and of fisheries

- Inventories of fisheries and fishery resources in the CCAMLR Convention Area have been drafted based on CCAMLR's Schedule of Conservation Measures in force (see http://www.ccamlr.org/pu/e/e_pubs/cm/drt.htm).
- Some of the information presented in CCAMLR's fisheries inventory is specific to a particular year/season (e.g. catch limits, Contracting Parties) and advice is sought from FSC on how to present that type of annual information.

2. Reporting on status/trends of marine resources, and of fisheries

- Fishery fact sheets have been prepared for toothfish (9 sheets), icefish (2 sheets) and krill (1 sheet) fisheries in the Convention Area. In addition a fact sheet has been drafted on the toothfish resource in the Convention Area.
- Toothfish fishery fact sheets will be submitted at the meeting of FSC.

3. Development/review of standards

- CCAMLR has not yet developed specific advice on the FIRMS status descriptors.
- At this point, and as a way forward, the status descriptors which ICCAT proposed at FSC3 (Exploitation rate: a. No or low fishing mortality b. Moderate fishing mortality c. High fishing mortality d. Uncertain/Not assessed; and Stock abundance: a. Virgin or high abundance b. Intermediate abundance c. Low abundance d. Depleted e. Uncertain/Not assessed) appear to provide a good basis for a common set on terms for use in FIRMS.
- It may be possible to include another category "e: precautionary approach" as a descriptor, especially for the exploitation rate. The use of the term 'unexploited stock' is preferred to 'virgin'.
- CCAMLR is developing a regulatory framework for its fisheries, and in that context fisheries are considered as 'new', 'exploratory', 'assessed' or 'lapsed/closed'. The general description of these stages has been agreed and CCAMLR manages fisheries in each of the stages. However the transition points (e.g. from exploratory to assessed) are yet to be fully explored and agreed.

4. Development of Applications

- Limited involvement in 2006.

5. Development of case studies/prototypes

- Limited involvement in 2006.

6. Training or skills development

- Introductory training in XML is being implemented in the Secretariat

7. Promotional activities

- A webpage on FIRMS is being prepared for the CCAMLRL website

8. Planned activities during the coming intercessional period

- Annual reporting to FIRMS
- Provision of comments and feedback to FIRMS on an ad-hoc basis.