



FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
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ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY CCAMLR DURING THE INTERSESSONAL PERIOD
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1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries;

In association with the current development of the new CCAMLR website, and the annual publication of CCAMLR fishery reports, the Secretariat is developing web-based information on marine species, fisheries and fishery resources of the Southern Ocean (i.e. CCAMLR's Convention Area). Procedures are also being developed to integrate relevant information with global initiatives such as FIRMS.

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

Trends in Southern Ocean fisheries are reviewed annually by CCAMLR's Scientific Committee and Working Groups, and stock assessments are updated every 1-2 years. This review is reported in CCAMLR's fishery reports, and summarised in the reports of WGs and Scientific Committee. CCAMLR uses an ecosystem-based, approach to managing fisheries, and precautionary catch limits are set using decision rules which implement the Commissions objectives. Conservation measures and fishery limits are reviewed annually by the Commission, and published as an annual Schedule of Conservation Measures in Force. A web-based feed is proposed to transfer information on fishery and resource information (see above) to FIRMS.

3. Development/review of standards;

Limited current involvement.

4. Development of Applications or Web pages (e.g. new module at Secretariat level, or enhancements in streamlining workflow at Partner level);

Limited current involvement.

5. Development of case studies/prototypes;

Limited current involvement.

6. Training or skills development;

Limited current involvement.

7. Promotional activities;

The new CCAMLR website has a page on collaborations and partnerships in global data-related initiatives (<http://www.ccamlr.org/en/data/partnerships>) with links to FIRMS and CWP.

8. Planned activities during the coming intersession period.

Development of web-based integration of information relevant to FIRMS.