

Arrangement between the Meeting of the Parties of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources

The Meeting of the Parties of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (hereafter CCAMLR);

NOTE that the objectives of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (hereafter the Agreement) are to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Area through cooperation among the Contracting Parties, and to promote the sustainable development of fisheries in the Area, taking into account the needs of developing States bordering the Area that are Contracting Parties to the Agreement, and in particular, the least-developed among them and small island developing States;

NOTE FURTHER that the objective of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (hereafter CAMLR Convention) is the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources;

RECOGNISE that Article 16 of the Agreement requires Contracting Parties acting jointly under the Agreement to cooperate closely with other international fisheries and related organizations in matters of mutual interest;

NOTE that Article XXIII of the CAMLR Convention provides for cooperation with other relevant bodies.

RECOGNISE that the Preamble to the CAMLR Convention considers it is desirable for CCAMLR to establish suitable machinery for recommending, promoting, deciding upon and co-ordinating the measures and scientific studies needed to ensure the conservation of Antarctic marine living organisms;

NOTE that provisions of the CAMLR Convention address the conservation of non-target, associated or dependent species that occur in the same ecosystem as target species;

DESIRE to put in place arrangements and procedures to promote cooperation between the SIOFA Secretariat and the Meeting of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies, including the Scientific Committee (hereafter SIOFA) and CCAMLR;

THEREFORE the Chairpersons of the SIOFA Meeting of the Parties and CCAMLR record the following arrangements;

1. OBJECTIVE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT

The objective of this Arrangement is to facilitate, where appropriate, cooperation between SIOFA and CCAMLR ('the Participants') with a view to advancing their respective objectives, particularly with respect to stocks and species which are within the competence and/or mutual interest to both Participants.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Participants will establish and maintain consultation and cooperation in respect of matters of common interest. In particular the Participants will:

- (i) exchange meeting reports, information, documents and publications regarding matters of mutual interest, consistent with the information sharing policies of each Participant;
- (ii) exchange data and scientific information in support of the work and objectives of both Participants, consistent with the information sharing policies of each Participant including, but not limited to information on:
 - (a) vessels authorised to fish in accordance with conservation and management measures adopted under the Agreement and the conservation measures adopted under the CAMLR Convention;
 - (b) vessels confirmed to be involved in illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing activity and IUU Vessel Lists established by each Participant, or other relevant information;
 - (c) catch, bycatch and vessel information and/or data consistent with data use, access and confidentiality rules of each Participant;
- (iii) where appropriate, cooperate to harmonise approaches in areas of mutual interest and concern, including but not limited to, target species and bycatch of non-target, associated and dependent species (ecologically related species), compliance monitoring and evaluation schemes;
- (iv) where appropriate, collaborate on analyses and research efforts relating to species of mutual interest; and
- (v) foster cooperation with the conservation and management measures adopted under the Agreement and the conservation measures adopted under the CAMLR Convention.

3. CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

To facilitate effective development, implementation and enhancement of cooperation, the Participants may establish a consultative process between the two respective Secretariats that includes telephone, email and similar means of communications. The consultative process may also proceed in the margins of meetings at which both Participants' Secretariats are represented by appropriate staff.

4. MODIFICATION

This Arrangement may be modified at any time by the mutual written consent of both Participants.

5. LEGAL STATUS

This Arrangement does not create legally binding rights or obligations.

This Arrangement does not alter the obligations of the Members of CCAMLR or the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to comply with the conservation and management measures adopted under the Agreement or the conservation measures adopted under the CAMLR

Convention.

6. OTHERS

This Arrangement will commence on the date of the second signature.

Either Participant may terminate this Arrangement by giving six months prior written notice to the other Participant.

This Arrangement will operate until terminated by either Participant.

SIGNATURE

Signed at this day of 23/012018


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Kristofer Du Rietz (EU)
Chairperson SIOFA

Signed at CAPE TOWN this 28 day of 082018


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Monde Mayekiso (South Africa)
Chairman CCAML