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**Parties to the Convention and new accessions**

The United Kingdom, as Depositary Government for the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals (CCAS), has not received any requests to accede to the Convention, or any instruments of accession, since the previous report (ATCM XLIII IP010 rev.1 *Report by the United Kingdom as Depositary Government for the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals (CCAS) in Accordance with Recommendation XIII-2, Paragraph 2(d) 2018/19 and 2019/20*).

The full list of countries that were original signatories to the Convention, and countries that have subsequently acceded, is attached to this report (Annex A).

**CCAS Annual Returns for 2020/2021**

Annex B lists all capturing and killing of Antarctic seals by Contracting Parties to CCAS for the reporting year 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2021.

**Next CCAS Annual Return**

The United Kingdom would like to remind Contracting Parties to CCAS that the Exchange of Information, referred to in Paragraph 6(a) in the Annex to the Convention, for the reporting period of 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2022 is due by **30 June 2022.** CCAS Parties should submit their returns, including nil returns, to both the United Kingdom and SCAR. The United Kingdom would like to encourage all Contracting Parties to CCAS to submit their returns on time.

The CCAS report for the reporting period 2021/2022 will be submitted to ATCM XLV, once the June 2022 deadline for exchange of information has passed.

**ANNEX A**

**Parties to the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals (CCAS)**

London, 1 June-31 December 1972; the Convention entered into force on 11 March 1978.

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| **State** | **Date of Signature** | **Date of Deposit (Ratification or Acceptance)** |
| Argentina\* | 9 June 1972 | 7 March 1978 |
| Australia | 5 October 1972 | 1 July 1987 |
| Belgium | 9 June 1972 | 9 February 1978 |
| Chile\* | 28 December 1972 | 7 February 1980 |
| France\*\* | 19 December 1972 | 19 February 1975 |
| Japan | 28 December 1972 | 28 August 1980 |
| Norway | 9 June 1972 | 10 December 1973 |
| Russia\*\*\*\* | 9 June 1972 | 8 February 1978 |
| South Africa | 9 June 1972 | 15 August 1972 |
| United Kingdom\*\* | 9 June 1972 | 10 September 1974\*\*\* |
| United States of America | 28 June 1972 | 19 January 1977 |

**Accessions**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **State** | **Date of deposit of Instrument of Accession** |
| Brazil | 11 February 1991 |
| Canada | 4 October 1990 |
| Germany | 30 September 1987 |
| Italy | 2 April 1992 |
| Poland | 15 August 1980 |
| Pakistan | 25 March 2013 |

\* Declaration or Reservation

\*\* Objection

\*\*\* The instrument of ratification included the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

\*\*\*\* Former USSR

**ANNEX B**

**Annual CCAS Report 2020/2021**

Synopsis of reporting in accordance with Article 5 and the Annex of the Convention: Capturing and killing of seals during the period 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2021.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Contracting Party** | **Antarctic Seals Captured** | **Antarctic Seals Killed** |
| Argentina | 0 | 0 |
| Australia | 0 | 0 |
| Belgium | 0 | 0 |
| Brazil | No return received | No return received |
| Canada | 0 | 0 |
| Chile | 0 | 0 |
| France | 0 | 2 (a) |
| Germany | 8 (b) | 0 |
| Italy | 0 | 0 |
| Japan | No return received | No return received |
| Norway | 0 | 0 |
| Pakistan | No return received | No return received |
| Poland | No return received | No return received |
| Russia | No return received | No return received |
| South Africa | 0 | 0 |
| United Kingdom | 0 | 0 |
| United States of America | 978 (c) | 0 |

1. **Elephant Seals –** unintentional, impact of longline fishery
2. **Weddell Seals** - caught and immobilized to deploy ARGOS Conductivity-Temperature Depth Satellite Relayed Dive Loggers (CTD-SRDLS).
3. **Weddell Seals** – 977, **Crabeater Seal**s - 1