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### *Summary*

In accordance with Article 6.3 of Annex V to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, the ASMA No. 1 Management Group has initiated a five-year review of the management plan for Antarctic Specially Managed Area Admiralty Bay (ASMA No. 1). Resolution 1 (2017) Annex B (Guidelines for the preparation of ASMA management plans) has been followed in the process of revising the management plan. According to the work plan presented in IP 133 at CEP XXIII/ATCM XLIII, the review continued during the intersessional period, and a progress report for CEP Meeting (joint IP) was prepared.

### *Revision process*

As part of the process of revising the Management Plan for ASMA No. 1, Admiralty Bay, initiated in 2019, during the intersessional period, the ASMA No. 1 Management Group worked on the identified topics to be updated in the current management plan, adopted under Measure 14 (2014), which included:

* Information updated on the current status of values to be protected, biological communities, scientific research and monitoring being conducted, climate, tourism, and commercial harvesting within the ASMA No. 1;
* Contacts were made with IAATO for updated information on tourism on Admiralty Bay;
* Updated ASMA No. 1 Map.

Next steps

The ASMA No. 1 Management Plan review process is nearing completion, and the ASMA No. 1 Management Group plans to conclude this document in the next intersessional period and present its final version in 2023. The next actions to be taken are the following:

* Updating the maps to reflect the guidance in Annex B of the Guidelines for ASMA management plans;
* Reviewing Code of Conduct for Visitors (Appendix A) and Scientific and Environmental Guidelines (Appendix B) to make sure this is up to date, and to include reference to relevant Treaty documents;
* Submitting a joint WP with the revised Management Plan to the CEP once the review is concluded.