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Noting ATCM XXXVI Resolution 4 (2013) *Improved Collaboration on Search and Rescue (SAR) in Antarctica*, in particular, recommendation 7a, which recommends that the Parties:

*“support COMNAP to continue to foster collaborative discussions and vital sharing of information regarding SAR matters including through: holding triennial workshops on search and rescue, that include representatives of the RCCs, National Antarctic Programs, relevant experts, private operators as well as commercial emergency notification service providers, and inform future ATCMs on the results of these workshops;”.*

COMNAP wishes to advise the ATCM that the 5th COMNAP SAR Workshop will take place in Hobart, Australia, on 23 & 24 June 2023. The workshop is hosted by COMNAP Member national Antarctic program the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) in collaboration with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

This is the fifth in a series of the COMNAP SAR Antarctic Workshops. The previous workshops were:

* **SAR Workshop I**, 12­−14 August 2008, Valparaiso / Viña del Mar, Chile, hosted by the Chilean Directorate General of the Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine (DIRECTEMAR).   
  Refer COMNAP ATCM XXXII (2009) WP047 for SAR Workshop I Report.
* **SAR Workshop II**, 2­−4 November 2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina, hosted by Dirección Nacional del Antártico (DNA).  
  Refer COMNAP ATCM XXXIII (2010) IP076 for SAR Workshop II Report.
* **SAR Workshop III**, 1 & 2 June 2016, Valparaiso, Chile, co-hosted by the Chilean Directorate General of the Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine (DIRECTEMAR) & the Instituto Antártico Chileno (INACH).  
  Refer COMNAP ATCM XL (2017) IP010 for SAR III Workshop Report.
* **SAR Workshop IV**, 14­−16 May 2019, Wellington & Christchurch, New Zealand, co-hosted by the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (JRCCNZ) Maritime New Zealand & Antarctica New Zealand.  
  Refer COMNAP ATCM XLII (2019) IP088 for SAR IV Workshop Report.

As per Resolution 4 (2013) *“…representatives of the RCCs, National Antarctic Programs, relevant experts, private operators as well as commercial emergency notification service providers”* have been encouraged to register and participate.

COMNAP requests Parties to communicate widely the information for COMNAP SAR Workshop 5 (2023). Full details can be found at <https://www.comnap.aq/annual-general-meeting>.