Revision of the Management Plan for Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA) 104: Sabrina Island, Balleny Islands

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**Working Paper submitted by New Zealand**

Summary

In accordance with the Article 6.3 of Annex V to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, New Zealand has conducted a review of the Management Plan for ASPA 104: Sabrina Island, Balleny Islands.

The review was conducted as a desktop exercise with reference to Annex V of the Protocol and the *Revised* *Guide to the Preparation of Management Plans for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas* appended to Resolution 2 (2011).

The management plan was circulated for comment to scientists and environmental managers of National Antarctic Programmes, and tourism operators working within the Ross Sea region who conduct research and tourism activities in the Area.

The revisions are minor and outlined in the table below.

Recommendations

New Zealand recommends that the CEP approves the attached revised Management Plan for ASPA 104: Sabrina Island, Balleny Islands.

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| ASPA 104: Sabrina Island, Balleny Islands | |
| **1. Is a new ASPA proposed?** | No |
| **2. Is a new ASMA proposed?** | No |
| **3. Does the proposal relate to an existing ASPA or ASMA?** | ASPA |
| *First designation:* | Specially Protected Area (SPA) No. 4, Sabrina Island, by Recommendation IV-4 (1966) |
| *First adoption of management plan:* | Measure 3 (2009) |
| *Any revisions to management plan:* | Measure 4 (2015) |
| *Current management plan:* | Measure 4 (2015) |
| *Any extensions of expiry dates of management plan:* | No |
| *Renamed and renumbered by Decision 1 (2002) as:* | ASPA 104: Sabrina Island, Balleny Islands |
| *Other relevant measures:* | No |
| **4. If the proposal contains a revision of an existing management plan, please indicate the types of amendment:** | |
| *(i) major or minor?* | Minor |
| *(ii) any changes to the boundaries or co-ordinates?* | No |
| *(iii) any changes to the maps? If yes, are the changes in the captions only or also in the graphics?* | No |
| *(iv) any change to the description of the area that is relevant to identifying its location or its boundaries?* | No  The description of the area has minor information and editorial updates that do not relate to identifying the location or boundary of the Area. |
| *(v) any changes that affect any other ASPA, ASMA or HSM within this area or adjacent to it? In particular, please explain any merger with, incorporation of or abolition of any existing area or site.* | No |
| *(vi) Other - brief summary of other types of changes, indicating the paragraphs of the management plan in which these are located (especially helpful if the plan is long).* | Section 1: Very minor editorial updates.  Section 2: Very minor editorial updates.  Section 3: Addition of “to the extent practicable” to the 3rd bullet point, to identify the difficulty of access to the site.  Section 6(i): Minor changes to the description to incorporate new information about fauna at the site.  Section 7(ii): Minor updates on overflight information for consistency with the maps. Addition of Resolution 4 (2018) for the operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems.  Section 8: Addition of one publication to the Bibliography  Appendix 1, Table 1: Addition of bird species sighted in the Area since the last management plan review. |
| **5. If a new ASPA or ASMA is proposed, does it contain any marine area?** | N/A |
| **6. If yes, does the proposal require the prior approval of CCAMLR in accordance with Decision 9 (2005)?** | N/A |
| **7. If yes, has the prior approval of CCAMLR been obtained?** | N/A |
| *If yes, please list the CCAMLR Final Report and Paragraph No.* | N/A |
| **8. If the proposal relates to an ASPA, what is the primary reason for designation (i.e. which part under Article 3.2 of Annex V)?** | The primary reason for designation is to protect the outstanding ecological values, specifically the biological diversity which is unique for the Ross Sea region. |
| **9. Have you identified the main Environmental Domain represented by the ASPA/ASMA (refer to the ‘Environmental Domains Analysis for the Antarctic Continent’ appended to Resolution 3 (2008))?** | N/A |
| *If Yes, the main Environmental Domain should be noted here.* | N/A |
| **10. If relevant, have you identified the main Antarctic Conservation Biogeographic Region represented by the ASPA/ASMA (refer to the ‘Antarctic Conservation Biogeographic Regions’ appended to Resolution 6 (2012))?** | N/A |
| *If yes, the main Antarctic Conservation Biogeographic Region should be noted here.* | N/A |
| **11. If relevant, have you identified any Antarctic Important Bird Areas (Resolution 5 (2015)) represented by the ASPA/ASMA (refer to the ‘Important Bird Areas in Antarctica 2015 Summary’ appended to ATCM XXXVIII - IP 27 and the full report available at:** [**http://www.era.gs/resources/iba/**](http://www.era.gs/resources/iba/)**)?** | N/A |
| *If yes, the Important Bird Area(s) should be noted here.)* | N/A |