Report on the informal ICG to develop an ASPA Draft Management Plan for Danger Islands Archipelago (North-eastern Antarctic Peninsula)

ASPA No. XXX Danger Islands Archipelago (North-eastern Antarctic Peninsula)

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| **1. Is a new ASPA proposed?** | Yes |
| **2. Is a new ASMA proposed?** | No |
| **3. Does the proposal relate to an existing ASPA or ASMA? [[1]](#footnote-1)**  (If so, list all Recommendations, Measures, Resolutions and Decisions pertaining to this ASPA/ASMA, including any previous  designations of this area as an SPA, SSSI or other type of protected area. In particular, please include the date and relevant Recommendation/Measure for the following: | No |
| First designation: | N/A |
| First adoption of management plan: | N/A |
| Any revisions to management plan: | N/A |
| Current management plan: | N/A |
| Any extensions of expiry dates of management plan: | N/A |
| Renamed and renumbered by Decision 1 (2002) as: | N/A |
| Other relevant measures: | N/A |
| **4. If the proposal contains a revision of an existing management plan, please indicate the types of amendment:** | |
| (i) major or minor? | N/A |
| (ii) any changes to the boundaries or co-ordinates? | N/A |
| (iii) any changes to the maps? If yes, are the changes in the captions only or also in the graphics? | N/A |
| (iv) any change to the description of the area that is relevant to identifying its location or its boundaries? | N/A |
| (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. | N/A |
| (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). | N/A |
| **5. If a new ASPA or ASMA is proposed, does it contain any marine area?** | No |
| **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 provide 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)?** | (b) representative examples of major terrestrial, including glacial and aquatic, ecosystems and marine ecosystems  (c) areas with important or unusual assemblages of species, including major colonies of breeding native birds or mammals  (e) areas of particular interest to ongoing or planned scientific research  (g) areas of outstanding aesthetic and wilderness value |
| **9. If relevant, 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).)**  If yes, the main Environmental Domain should be noted here. | Yes, Environment Domain E - Antarctic Peninsula, Alexander and other islands |
| **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).)**  If yes, the main Antarctic Conservation Biogeographic Region should be noted here. | Yes, ACBR 3: North-west Antarctic Peninsula |
| **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/)**)**  If yes, the Important Bird Area(s) should be noted here**.** | Yes, ANT062, ANT063, ANT064, Antarctic marine IBA 13, proximity to Area of Ecological Significance (AES) |

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**Working Paper submitted by Germany and the United States of America**

***Summary***

After compiling a first Draft Management Plan for the new ASPA proposal Danger Islands, Germany and the United States opened an Informal ICG asking experts to comment on the Draft Management Plan. After finishing the discussion and considering the incoming comments, an updated Draft Management Plan (see Attachment) was compiled.

At ATCM XLV - CEP XXV the Committee on Environmental Protection (CEP) and Parties are invited to take note of the Draft Management Plan for the proposed multi-site ASPA at the Danger Islands (see Attachment) and agree that the Draft Management Plan will be passed on to the Subsidiary Group on Management Plans for further intersessional considerations.

***Introduction***

In May 2022, at ATCM XLIV - CEP XXIV in Berlin, Germany and the United States submitted WP13 entitled ‘Prior assessment of a proposed Antarctic Specially Protected Area at Danger Islands Archipelago’. At ATCM XLIV - CEP XXIV, the Parties agreed to the proposed prior-assessment for Danger Islands. The CEP noted ‘*the quality of the evaluation put forward by the proponents and considered this to be an area worth taking forward in the intersessional period with the aim of drafting a management plan for the area. The Committee encouraged Members with knowledge and information relevant to this process to engage in these intersessional discussions*’ (see Final Report CEP XXIV and WP13 XLIV ATCM).

***Report on the Informal ICG***

In October 2022, the proponents and conveners of the informal ICG, Germany and the United States, kindly invited experts (scientists, environmental experts, IAATO representatives) to comment on the first Draft Management Plan for the Danger Islands which Germany and the United States had compiled beforehand. After evaluating and considering the incoming comments and proposals from the experts, the conveners updated the Draft Management Plan respectively.

***Recommendations***

Germany and the United States of America recommend that the CEP:

1. take note of the present Draft Management Plan for the proposed multi-site Antarctic Specially Protected Area at the Danger Islands Archipelago (North-eastern Antarctic Peninsula) at Attachment,
2. agree that the Draft Management Plan will be passed on to the Subsidiary Group on Management Plans (SGMP) for further intersessional considerations by the Committee for Environmental Protection.

1. *Note: this information may be found on the ATS website in the Documents database by searching under the name of the area. While the ATS has made every effort to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information in the database, occasional errors or omissions may occur. The proponents of any revision to a protected area are best placed to know the history of that area, and are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat if they notice any apparent discrepancy between the regulatory history as they understand it and that displayed on the ATS database.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)