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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 XLII (2019) IP001).

In ATCM XLII WP069 Ukraine stated its intention to accede to the Convention. However, Ukraine has since formally confirmed to the United Kingdom, as Depositary Government, that accession will now not be pursued.

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 2018/2019 and 2019/2020**

Annex B lists all capturing and killing of Antarctic seals by Contracting Parties to CCAS for the reporting year 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019. All reported captures were for scientific research.

Annex C lists all capturing and killing of Antarctic seals by Contracting Parties to CCAS for the reporting year 1 March 2019 to 29 February 2020. All reported captures were for scientific research.

**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 2020 to 28 February 2021 is due by **30 June 2021.** 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 2020/2021 will be submitted to ATCM XLIV, once the June 2021 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 2018/2019**

Synopsis of reporting in accordance with Article 5 and the Annex of the Convention: Capturing and killing of seals during the period 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019.

|  |  |  |
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| **Contracting Party** | **Antarctic Seals Captured** | **Antarctic Seals Killed** |
| Argentina | 159 (a) | 0 |
| Australia | 0 | 0 |
| Belgium | 0 | 0 |
| Brazil | No return received | No return received |
| Canada | 0 | 0 |
| Chile | 56 (b) | 0 |
| France | 116 (c) | 1 (d) |
| Germany | 0 | 0 |
| Italy | 0 | 0 |
| Japan | 17 (e) | 0 |
| Norway | No return received | No return received |
| Pakistan | No return received | No return received |
| Poland | No return received | No return received |
| Russia | 0 | 0 |
| South Africa | No return received | No return received |
| United Kingdom | 19 (f) | 0 |
| United States of America | 1 351 (g) | 0 |

All reported capturing was for scientific research.

1. **Southern Elephant Seals:** 100 weaned and 13 juveniles (sex unknown). **Leopard Seals:** 13 adults (sex unknown). **Weddell Seals:** 15 adults and 3 pups (sex unknown). **Crabeater Seals**: 10 adult (sex unknown). **Antarctic Fur Seals**: 5 adults (sex unknown).
2. **Southern Elephant Seals**: 42 adult females, 10 adult males and 4 juveniles.
3. **Weddell Seals**: 19 adult males, 41 adult females; 2 adults (sex unknown), 19 male pups, 16 female pups, 19 pups (sex unknown)
4. **Weddell Seal**: 1 pup (sex unknown) accidentally killed during weighing and blood sampling procedure.
5. **Weddell Seals:** 10 adult females, 4 adult males, 3 juvenile males
6. **Southern Elephant Seals**: 2 females. **Weddell Seals:** 17 adult/juveniles (sex unknown)
7. **Antarctic Fur Seals:** 26 adults/juveniles and 460 pups (sex unknown). **Leopard Seals:** 29 adults/juveniles. **Weddell Seals**: 372 adults and 464 pups (sex unknown).

**ANNEX C**

**Annual CCAS Report 2019/2020**

Synopsis of reporting in accordance with Article 5 and the Annex of the Convention: Capturing and killing of seals during the period 1 March 2019 to 29 February 2020.

|  |  |  |
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| **Contracting Party** | **Antarctic Seals Captured** | **Antarctic Seals Killed** |
| Argentina | No return received | No return received |
| Australia | No return received | No return received |
| Belgium | No return received | No return received |
| Brazil | No return received | No return received |
| Canada | 0 | 0 |
| Chile | 50 (a) | 0 |
| France | No return received | No return received |
| Germany | No return received | No return received |
| Italy | No return received | No return received |
| Japan | 0 | 0 |
| Norway | No return received | No return received |
| 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 | 12 (b) | 0 |
| United States of America | 1,286 (c) | 1 (d) |

All reported capturing was for scientific research.

1. **Weddell Seals:** 40 (age and sex unknown). **Leopard Seals: 10** (age and sex unknown).
2. **Elephant Seals**: 4 (3 males and 1 female). **Weddell Seals**: 8 (7 males and 1 female)
3. **Antarctic Fur Seals:** 22 adult/juvenile and 395 pups (sex unknown). **Leopard Seals:** 23 adult/juveniles (sex unknown). **Southern Elephant Seals:** 4 juveniles (sex unknown). **Weddell Seals:** 236 adults and 606 pups (sex unknown).
4. **Weddell Seals:** 1 pup (sex unknown) during permitted activity investigating thermal adaption in young pups).