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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 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) will be followed in the process of revising the management plan. According to the work plan presented in IP 71 at CEP XXII/ATCMXLII, during the intersessional period the tasks for the proposed update were initiated, 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, the ASMA 1 Management Group conducted the first preliminary review of the contents of the current Management Plan, adopted under Measure 14 (2014), which included:

* The general review of the contents of the current Management Plan and their comparison with applicable Antarctic Treaty regulations and guidelines;
* Identification of issues/problems that need to be addressed in the new MP;
* Identification of formal problems;
* Contacting researchers, station operators and other stakeholders to obtain scientific/technical/other information, advice or opinion;
* Search for updated bibliographic material

Next steps

The ASMA 1 Management Group have already started the process of reviewing the Management Plan for ASMA No. 1 and the next actions to be taken are the following:

* Continuation of exchanges with researchers and station operators who have been developing activities in the area in the last five years and other stakeholders such as SCAR, IAATO and ASOC;
* Collecting/evaluating/summarizing obtained information related to special values (aesthetic, environmental, scientific, historic, educational and touristic), updating bibliographic material, reviewing lists of species and status of populations of fauna and flora;
* Preparing a new Management Plan, Codes of Conduct and Maps;
* Submitting a joint WP with the revised Management Plan to the CEP once the review is concluded.