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1. The Visitor Site Guidelines (VSG) for Seabee Hook were first adopted in 2010 after a proposal by the United States of America, when substantial revisions were made to the management plan for the adjacent Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA) No. 106 Cape Hallett.
2. The VSG for Seabee Hook have not been revised since first adoption, although minor formatting edits were made by the Antarctic Treaty Secretariat in 2018.
3. In 2021 the management plan review for ASPA No.106 Cape Hallett identified the need for minor alterations to the northern boundary of the protected area because of new data showing changes to the extent of the large Adélie penguin colony on Seabee Hook.
4. The VSG for Seabee Hook areas have a common boundary with the ASPA, and it was therefore necessary to update the guidelines so they are mutually consistent.
5. Several minor editorial improvements and clarifications have been made in the course of the review. For example, the number of breeding pairs of Adélie penguins on Seabee Hook was updated in accordance with the latest count of ~47,000 made by the Republic of Korea in 2017. The order of latitude / longitude coordinates was revised to follow accepted international convention, which gives latitude first. The site map for the VSG was updated and improved.

Recommendation

Revised Visitor Site Guidelines for Site No. 28 Seabee Hook are attached for consideration by the Committee for Environmental Protection for recommendation for adoption by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting.