Revision of the Management Plan for Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA) No. 148, Mount Flora, Hope Bay, Antarctic Peninsula

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**Working Paper submitted by the United Kingdom and Argentina**

***Summary***

The United Kingdom and Argentina have conducted a review of the Management Plan for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPA) No. 148, Mount Flora, Hope Bay, Antarctic Peninsula, and have determined that only minor amendments are required. The United Kingdom and Argentina recommend that the CEP approves the attached revised Management Plan.

***Background***

The United Kingdom and Argentina have conducted a review of the Management Plan for ASPA No. 148, Mount Flora, Hope Bay, Antarctic Peninsula, in accordance with Annex V to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty and the ‘*Revised Guide to the Preparation of Management Plans for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas*’ appended to Resolution 2 (2011)*.*

ASPA No. 148 Mt Flora (63°25’ S, 57°01’ W) is situated on Mt Flora, on the southeast shore of Hope Bay, northern Antarctic Peninsula. The Area was originally designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) through Recommendation XV-6 (1989, SSSI No. 31) following a proposal by the United Kingdom, primarily to protect scientific and historic values associated with the rich fossil flora present within the Area.

A revised Management Plan for ASPA No. 148 is provided at Attachment A. There are no major changes to the Management Plan. Minor amendments are summarised as follows:

* *Supporting Information* has been updated.
* Information within the *Introduction, Description of values to be protected, Management activities* and *Description of the Area* has been updated.
* A minor boundary revision has been made to ensure the inclusion of the entire Mount Flora Formation (Botany Bay Group) within the ASPA. The boundary coordinates were modified.
* The following text has been added under section *7(ii) Access to and movement within or over the Area*: ‘Overflight of the Area by Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) shall not be permitted unless for scientific or operational purposes, and in accordance with a permit issued by an appropriate national authority’.
* A range of editorial amendments have been made throughout, including for consistency with the provisions of other ASPA Management Plans and with the ‘*Revised Guide to the Preparation of Management Plans for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas’*.

Recommendation

The United Kingdom and Argentina recommend that the CEP approves the attached revised Management Plan for ASPA No. 148, Mount Flora, Hope Bay, Antarctic Peninsula (Attachment A).

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| ASPA No. 148, Mount Flora, Hope Bay, Antarctic Peninsula | |
| 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? | Yes. ASPA No. 148 |
| First designation: | Recommendation XV-6 (1989, SSSI No. 31) |
| First adoption of management plan: | Recommendation XV-6 (1989, SSSI No. 31) |
| Any revisions to management plan: | Measure 1 (2002)  Measure 8 (2015) |
| Current management plan: | Measure 8 (2015) |
| Any extensions of expiry dates of management plan: | No |
| Renamed and renumbered by Decision 1 (2002) as: | ASPA No. 148 |
| 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? | Minor |
| (ii) any changes to the boundaries or co-ordinates? | Yes. A boundary correction was made to ensure the inclusion of the entire Mount Flora Formation (Botany Bay Group) within the ASPA. The boundary coordinates were modified. |
| (iii) any changes to the maps? If yes, are the changes in the captions only or also in the graphics? | Yes. Map 2: Change of map label referring to Important Bird Area ANT074. Map 3: Change in boundary of ASPA |
| (iv) any change to the description of the area that is relevant to identifying its location or its boundaries? | Yes. The northern boundary of the Area has been modified, as described in Map 3 and Section 6 ‘Description 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. | * *Introduction* has been updated. * *Description of values to be protected* has been updated. * *Management activities* has been updated. * *Supporting Documentation* has been updated. * *Description of the Area* has been updated * The following text has been added under section *7(ii) Access to and movement within or over the Area*: ‘Overflight of the Area by Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) shall not be permitted unless for scientific or operational purposes, and in accordance with a permit issued by an appropriate national authority. * A range of editorial amendments have been made throughout, including for consistency with the provisions of other ASPA Management Plans and with the ‘*Revised Guide to the Preparation of Management Plans for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas*’. |
| 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? 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)? | Article 3.2. Examples of outstanding geological, glaciological or geomorphological features |
| 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))? Yes/No (If yes, the main Environmental Domain should be noted here). | Domain 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))? Yes/No (If yes, the main Antarctic Conservation Biogeographic Region should be noted here). | ACBR 1 North East 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 ATCMXXXVIII IP27 and the full report available at: http://www.era.gs/resources/iba/)? Yes/No (If yes, the Important Bird Area(s) should be noted here). | No, but IBA ANT074 Hope Bay is located just north of the Area. |