Revised Management Plan for Antarctic Specially Protected Area No. 126 Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands

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**Working Paper submitted by the United Kingdom, Chile and Spain**

Summary

The United Kingdom, Chile and Spain have conducted a review of the Management Plan for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPA) No. 126 Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, and has determined that only minor amendments are required. The United Kingdom, Chile and Spain recommend that the CEP approves the attached revised Management Plan for ASPA No. 126.

Background

The United Kingdom, Chile and Spain have conducted a review of the Management Plan for ASPA No. 126 Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, in accordance with Annex V of 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. 126 Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, (latitude 62°34'35" S, longitude 61°13'07" W) was originally designated as Specially Protected Area (SPA) No. 10 through Recommendation IV-10 in 1966. Designation as an SPA was terminated through Recommendation VIII-2 and re-designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) was made through Recommendation VIII-4 (1975, SSSI No. 6). The primary reason for the designation of Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, as an Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA) is to protect the terrestrial and lacustrine habitats within the Area.

Summary of amendments

A revised Management Plan for ASPA No. 126 is provided at Attachment A. There are no major changes to the Management Plan. The amendments are summarised as follows:

* The Description of values to be protected has been updated to include the outstanding historic sites and artifacts associated with the activities of sealers in the early 19th Century.
* Annex 1 *Supporting Information* has been updated, based upon new information, and in particular information on the archaeological values in the area. Map 2 has been redrafted to more accurately indicate the position of known archaeological sites.
* 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, Chile and Spain recommend that the CEP approves the attached revised Management Plan for ASPA No. 126 Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island (Attachment A).

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| ASPA No. 126, Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands | |
| 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. 126 |
| First designation: | Recommendation IV-10 (1966, SPA 10) |
| First adoption of management plan: | Recommendation VIII-4 (1975, SSSI No. 6) |
| Any revisions to management plan: | Recommendation XVI-5 (1991)  Measure 1 (2002)  Measure 4 (2011)  Measure 4 (2016) |
| Current management plan: | Measure 4 (2016) |
| Any extensions of expiry dates of management plan: | No |
| Renamed and renumbered by Decision 1 (2002) as: | ASPA No. 126 |
| 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? | No |
| (iii) any changes to the maps? If yes, are the changes in the captions only or also in the graphics? | Yes, Map 2 has been redrafted to more accurately indicate the position of known archaeological sites (changes to graphics and map captions). |
| (iv) any change to the description of the area that is relevant to identifying its location or its boundaries? | No |
| (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. | * The Description of values to be protected has been updated to include the outstanding historic sites and artifacts associated with the activities of sealers in the early 19th Century. * Annex 1 *Supporting Information* has been updated, based upon new information, and in particular information on the archaeological values in the area. * 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? | N/A |
| 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  (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; (f) examples of outstanding geological, glaciological or geomorphological features  (h) sites or monuments of recognised historic 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))? Yes/No (If yes, the main Environmental Domain should be noted here). | Domain G |
| 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 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 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). | ANT054 Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island |