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Working Paper submitted by France

Summary

This paper recalls the agreement reached at the CEP XXIV (2022) to develop Terms of Reference for a next Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop. It proposes draft Terms of Reference for discussion at CPE 25 (2023) as well as the modalities for organizing this joint workshop.

France recommends that the Committee:

* Considers the proposed draft Terms of Reference for the next Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop and the suggested modalities for its organization
* Agrees on a coordination process with SC-CAMLR to finalize the organization of the next Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop

The Climate Change Response Work Programme (CCRWP) was adopted through Resolution 4 (2015), and last updated in 2016. The CCRWP contains an action (3e) to maintain a ‘*regular dialogue (or sharing of information)*’ with the Scientific Committee for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (SC-CAMLR) on climate change, in particular on actions being taken.

At CEP XXIV (2022), Argentina, Australia, France and the United States introduced WP 16 *Review of progress in the implementation of the recommendations identified at the Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop on Climate Change and Monitoring (2016).* It presented the results of a review undertaken during the 2021-22 intersessional period on progress in the implementation of the recommendations identified in the report of the 2016 Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop on Climate Change and Monitoring.

CEP XXIV (2022) emphasized the importance of collaboration and communication between the CEP and SC-CAMLR and agreed to develop Terms of Reference for the next Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop.

SC-CAMLR-41 agreed to hold another climate change workshop during the 2023 intersessional period to improve the integration of scientific information on climate change and ecosystem interactions throughout SC-CAMLR’s work program. SC-CAMLR-41 noted the proposal for a joint CEP–CCAMLR climate change workshop to be held at the latest in 2024. It further recognized that there could be some overlap in objectives between both workshops, which should be considered in developing terms of reference of both the joint CEP/SC-CAMLR and the SC-CAMLR workshop. Given the timing of these two workshops, the outcomes of the 2023 SC-CAMLR workshop could be fed into the 2024 joint workshop.

***Terms of Reference for the next joint CEP/SC-CAMLR workshop***

The general scope of the 2016 joint CEP/SC-CAMLR workshop was to identify the effects of climate change that were considered most likely to impact the conservation of the Antarctic, and to identify existing and potential sources of research and monitoring data relevant to the CEP and SC-CAMLR. CEP XXIV WP 16 showed that both committees have been active in considering climate change implications for the Antarctic region since 2016, and that such issues remain a high priority for further attention.

The Terms of Reference for the next Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop should take full account of the review presented at CEP XXIV (2022), the ongoing work of the Subsidiary Group on Climate Changes Response (SGCCR), the terms of reference of the climate change SC-CCAMLR workshop planned for autumn 2023, and any guidance provided by the ATCM through the joint CEP/ATCM climate session in Helsinki. The outcome of the Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop in 2024 should further feed into the implementation of the CCRWP.

During this intersessional period, the SGCCR identified “*intensifying coordination in the marine realm - with SC-CAML*R” as a priority to better preserve marine ecosystems as presented in WP 48.

The following draft Terms of Reference are therefore proposed to the CEP for its consideration:

1. Examine how to progress on matters of mutual interests in the marine realm in the context of climate change (including the five joint priority areas identified in the 2009 joint workshop)
2. Identify common research needs and reference areas for future research
3. Examine the need to enhance existing monitoring programs to assess and integrate the impacts of climate change
4. Propose improvements to strengthen cooperation and coordination between CEP and SC-CAMLR

***Modalities of organization of*** ***the next Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop***

CEP XXIV (2022) appointed Maude Jolly (FR) as co-convener of the Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop. A second co-convener would need to be identified by SC-CAMLR to ensure a balanced facilitation of the meeting.

France proposes that the Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop is held in 2024 at a date to be determined to ensure broad participation. CEP Members may wish to consider whether the workshop could usefully be held back-to-back with CEP 26 or SC-CAMLR-43. It further invites CEP Members to consider whether a hybrid or virtual workshop would be most appropriate. CEP Members might want to consider adopting a similar approach as the one retained for the SC-CAMLR 2023 climate change workshop, which consists of regional hubs to facilitate board participation.

France suggests that the Joint CEP/SC-CAMLR Workshop is open to all Members of the CEP and all Members of SC-CAMLR, as well as all Observers to both bodies.

***Recommendation***

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