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IS CCAMLR READY FOR SOME ACTION?

Welcome back Delegates!

Another year has passed by... What's new??

Another pirate vessel was apprehended in the Southern Ocean (the Maya V). Successful prosecutions of illegal fishers and traders were undertaken in Australia (the Viarsa 1) and in the United States (the Arnold Bengis syndicate).

It's time for CCAMLR to add up to individual Members' efforts to halt IUU fishing with effective collective actions. Members have repeatedly agreed that the proper body to address the problem of IUU fishing in the Southern Ocean is CCAMLR. The situation does not allow for individual actions alone to solve the problem.

Members have met for two days already, in which a number of positive signs indicate that CCAMLR is ready for action! The centralised VMS trial was successful; no significant technical problems were encountered. The electronic DCD has been on trial for two years already, and most Members are in favour of its full implementation as a matter of urgency. Electronic-based DCD is much more reliable than paper-based DCD, which

can be easily forged. Why are a few Parties still hesitating?

The future of toothfish populations is at stake, as well as the survival of seabirds in the Southern Ocean... and time is running out!!

IUU Vessel Lists

ECO appreciates that the Provisional IUU Vessel List was discussed without too much deliberation. However, ECO wonders how many past IUU operators are about to be authorised to fish in CCAMLR's New and Exploratory fisheries.

The Southern Ocean - the "Krilling fields"

CCAMLR scientists keep saying that too little is known about future trends in the krill fishery, and that more information is needed on Members' fishing plans to develop proper management procedures. Interest in the fishery continues to rise. New, more efficient technologies are being used, more States are entering the fishery, and yet CCAMLR still does not have a proper regulatory system in place for the krill fishery. Krill fishing is still not subject to the VMS, scientific observers