

Recommendation 6: (DAFF response to recommendation)

"The Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), in coordination with AFMA and AAD, and other relevant government agencies, to continue to take a proactive role in CCAMLR and other relevant forums to pursue the development and implementation of cross jurisdictional measures to improve controls over illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing".

DAFF, in participation with AFMA, AAD and DFAT, is strongly committed to pursuing measures to combat IUU fishing in all forums in which we participate. In CCAMLR in particular, we are active on a number of fronts to address compliance issues in the CCAMLR area.

- A proposal to strengthen the CCAMLR System of Inspection. We have submitted this to the past two CCAMLR meetings and will do so again at the 2008 meeting. We have been working intersessionally in 2007 and 2008 with other Members to secure support for the proposal;
- Engagement in diplomatic action, particularly with DFAT, to encourage other Members and non-Members to take action against IUU vessels, either flagged to them or using their ports to land or tranship catch;
- Collaboration with and continued support for the European Commission on its proposal for CCAMLR to adopt market-related measures against vessels engaged in IUU fishing;
- Support for the development of a compliance evaluation procedure in CCAMLR to ensure that all CCAMLR obligations are adhered to and that CCAMLR is not undermined. AFMA is co-convening the work on this issue and DAFF will provide support where required.
- Support for the CCAMLR performance review, which will be submitted for the Commission's consideration at this year's CCAMLR meeting. We will be pursuing the adoption of the key recommendations of the panel.
- Continued work with AAD regarding the orderly development of the krill fishery in CCAMLR waters and ensuring that compliance measures are in place to monitor the activities of the krill fishery.

DAFF, as lead agency in the other regional fisheries management organisations in which Australia participates, is strongly pursuing the adoption of a comprehensive monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) regime. In 2008, we are particularly pursuing:

- CCSBT: the adoption of a transshipment regulation measure, a catch documentation scheme and a vessel monitoring system.
- WCPFC: the development and implementation of a transshipment scheme, a catch documentation scheme and a complete centralised authorised vessel list.
- SPRFMO: a robust, best practice Convention incorporating an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management that is supported by a strong MCS framework.