

XXIV SCAR Recommendations

Recommendation SCAR XXIV-1

Concerning management plans for protected areas

Considering the need for effective protection of the Antarctic environment and in furtherance of the stated SCAR objectives of conservation,

SCAR recommends that National Committees forward to XXI ATCM via their governments the management plans for the following existing and proposed protected areas:

- SSSI No 12: Canada Glacier, Taylor Valley, Victoria Land
- SPA No 5: Beaufort Island, McMurdo Sound, Ross Sea
- New Area: Cape Evans, Ross Island
- New Area: Cape Geology and Botany Bay, Granite Harbour, Victoria Land
- New Area: Lewis Bay, Mount Erebus, Ross Island

Recommendation SCAR XXIV-2

Concerning planned research cruises

Noting that information on planned research cruises in the CCAMLR region involving harvesting commercial species is reported to CCAMLR in advance,

SCAR requests that the CCAMLR Secretariat copies this

information via e-mail to the SCAR Secretariat for incorporation into the planned electronic bulletin board.

Recommendation SCAR XXIV-3

Concerning re-introduction of indigenous species

Noting that well-meaning attempts have been made to rehabilitate indigenous seals and seabirds, especially penguins, that have been held in captivity, to Subantarctic islands and the Antarctic continent;

Noting further that such re-introductions serve no conservation purpose and run the risk of introducing pathogens;

SCAR, therefore, urges National Committees to discourage such practices.

Recommendation SCAR XXIV-4

Concerning Permanent Geodetic Observatories

Noting the initial success of the GIANT program in establishing permanent geodetic observatories in Antarctica, of the related GPS epoch campaigns in providing contributions to the IERS Terrestrial Reference Frame, and GIANT's significant contribution to global and regional geodynamics research;