



## **CCAMLR Response to the request from UN-DOALOS (3 May 2025) for information on cooperation.**

Following the first session of the Preparatory Commission to prepare for the entry into force of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (“BBNJ Agreement”) and to prepare for the convening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement (“Preparatory Commission”), on 3 May 2025 UN-DOALOS requested input on the following:

1. Any relevant information concerning your organization’s (including any subsidiary body’s) mandate for cooperation with other instruments, frameworks and bodies; and
2. A summary of cooperative arrangements with such instruments, frameworks and bodies, including their nature, scope, modalities, and other information that may be of interest to the BBNJ Preparatory Commission.

This response may be made available to delegations on the website of the Preparatory Commission.

### **Response**

The Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources is an international agreement established to conserve Antarctic marine living resources and is an integral part of the Antarctic Treaty system. The Convention applies to all marine living resources within the Antarctic marine ecosystem south of Antarctic Convergence (Article I). The objective of the Convention is the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources, where the term ‘conservation’ includes rational use (Article II). The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) gives effect to the Convention’s objective and its principles of conservation. Information on the Commission’s activities is available on [www.ccamlr.org](http://www.ccamlr.org).

Article XXIII of the Convention relating to cooperation reads as follows:

1. The Commission and the Scientific Committee shall co-operate with the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties on matters falling within the competence of the latter.
2. The Commission and the Scientific Committee shall co-operate, as appropriate, with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and with other Specialised Agencies.
3. The Commission and the Scientific Committee shall seek to develop co-operative working relationships, as appropriate, with inter-governmental and nongovernmental organisations which could contribute to their work, including the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research and the International Whaling Commission.

4. The Commission may enter into agreements with the organisations referred to in this Article and with other organisations as may be appropriate. The Commission and the Scientific Committee may invite such organisations to send observers to their meetings and to meetings of their subsidiary bodies.

CCAMLR has Cooperation Arrangements with the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna, South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation, South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation, Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Agreement for the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels. The areas of cooperation include information sharing and exchange of specific data and scientific information to support the work and objectives of each organisation, including in respect of IUU fishing. The specific terms of each Arrangement or MOU are available on the [CCAMLR website](#).

To enhance cooperation CCAMLR invites the organisations named above and other organisations to observe the annual meetings of the Commission and Scientific Committee. For instance, in 2024 (CCAMLR-43 paragraph 12.7) the Commission agreed that the following inter-governmental organisations will be invited to attend CCAMLR-44 (October 2025) as Observers: ACAP, ATS, CCSBT, CEP, CITES, COMNAP, CPPS, FAO, IATTC, ICCAT, IOC, INTERPOL, IUCN, IWC, RPOA-IUU, SCAR, SCOR, SEAFDEC, SEAFO, SIOFA, SOOS, SPRFMO, UN-DOALOS, UNEP and WCPFC.

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