

Joint SCAR/CEP Workshop on Further Developing the Antarctic Protected Area System

Workshop Note #3

Summary

There were no suggestions for changes to the draft Workshop Outline presented in Workshop Note #2. The steering committee will continue to prepare for the workshop and will issue a final Workshop Note in March / April.

Background

Workshop Note #2 invited CEP representatives to provide feedback by 11 January on a draft Workshop Outline. It noted that, in parallel SCAR steering committee members would seek feedback from SCAR groups.

Summary of feedback received

The steering committee was grateful to receive feedback from the SCAR community, France, South Africa and ASOC. These respondents expressed support for the workshop arrangements as presented in the draft Workshop Outline. Accordingly, the steering committee has not revised the Workshop Outline at this time. However, the responses raised some important points that will inform the steering committee's planning and preparations, in order to ensure the workshop is a success and benefits from the diverse views and expertise of the Antarctic community.

Future steps

In accordance with the planning schedule presented in Workshop Note #2, the steering committee will circulate a final Workshop Outline in March / April. At that time, the steering committee will aim to provide details of the workshop website, conveners and presenters, and practical arrangements for the discussion sessions. The steering committee will also commence development of a draft report on the state of the Antarctic protected area system, as a reference for discussion at the workshop.

The steering committee would be pleased to respond to any queries from CEP representatives. SCAR steering committee members will continue to engage with SCAR groups.

We welcome the continued interest and engagement in this important meeting.

Workshop steering committee