



Revised Management Plan

for Antarctic Specially Protected Area No. 127 'HASWELL ISLAND' (HASWELL ISLAND AND ADJACENT EMPEROR PENGUIN ROOKERY ON FAST ICE)

Working Paper submitted by the Russian Federation

Summary

The Russian Federation, on the basis of the recently received data reviewed the Management Plan for Antarctic Specially Protected Area No. 127 "Haswell Island" (Haswell Island and Adjacent Emperor Penguin Rookery on Fast Ice) and concluded that only minor changes were required.

The Russian Federation suggests that the CEP approve the attached Revised Management Plan for this Area.

Background

The Haswell Island is a unique place of nesting of almost all species of birds nesting in East Antarctica. Five species of Pinnipeds are encountered in the Area. East and southeast of the island there is a large rookery of the Emperor penguins *Aptenodytes forsteri* on fast ice. The Russian Antarctic Mirny station is located near the Area.

Due to aforementioned reasons, it was proposed by the Soviet Union in 1975 at VIII ATCM (Oslo) and designated as SSSI No. 7. It was renamed and numbered as ASPA No. 127 on the basis of Measure 1 (2002). The revised ASPA management plans were adopted on the basis of Measure 3 (2001), Measure 4 (2005), Measure 1 (2006) and Measure 5 (2011).

The Area was described by biologists of the first Soviet Antarctic Expeditions and it was studied in the 1970s and at the present time, presenting valuable material for a comparative analysis and monitoring of multiyear environmental impact of the Antarctic station.

Revised Management Plan

In accordance with Article 6.3 of Annex V of the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty and the *Guide to the Preparation of Management Plans for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas* appended to Resolution 2 (2011) the Russian Federation conducted a five-year review of the Management Plan for Antarctic Specially Protected Area No. 127 "Haswell Island" (Haswell Island and Adjacent Emperor Penguin Rookery on Fast Ice).

The changes affected section 1. **Description of protected values** where historical information about discovery and name of Haswell island and updated evidence on the Area was added, and subsection 6(i) **Geographical coordinates, boundary markers and natural features**, which now includes data from observations and zoological research conducted in the last five years. The Area boundaries were not changed.

Review of amendments to the Management Plan:

- **Section 1. Description of protected values.** The following was added:
 - Historical information on discovery of the island;
 - Updating of distances, island area and location of the rookery of Emperor Penguins *Aptenodytes forsteri*;
 - Information on appearance on Haswell Island of nests of the Lonnberg skua *Catharacta Antarctica lonnbergi*.
- **Subsection 6(i). Geographical coordinates, boundary markers and natural features** includes new information obtained by monitoring in the Area:
 - on registered and natural dispersal outside the nesting areal of the Lonnberg skua *Catharacta Antarctica lonnbergi*;
 - on establishing cases of nesting of hybrid pairs of Lonnberg skua *Catharacta Antarctica lonnbergi* and South-Polar skua *Catharacta maccormicki*;
 - on comparative assessment of the emperor penguin population over the research period from 1956 to 2015;
- **Section 8. Bibliography** includes data from two new sources.
- Obsolete reference was removed from description in Map 3.
- The text and structure of the document were subjected to minor changes.



Recommendation

The Russian Federation suggests that the CEP approve the attached Management Plan for Antarctic Specially Protected Area No. 127 "Haswell Island" (Haswell Island and Adjacent Emperor Penguin Rookery on Fast Ice).

ASPA No. 127 Haswell Island (Haswell Island and Adjacent Emperor Penguin Rookery on Fast Ice)	
1) Is a new ASPA proposed? Yes/No	NO
2) Is a new ASMA proposed? Yes/No	NO
3) Does the proposal relate to an existing ASPA or ASMA?	YES
First designation:	Recommendation ATCM VIII-4 (1975) SSSI N°7
First adoption of management plan:	Recommendation ATCM VIII-4 (1975) SSSI N°7
Any revisions to management plan:	Measure 1 (2006)
Measure 5 (2011)	
Current management plan:	Measure 5 (2011)
Any extensions of expiry dates of management plan:	Rec. X-6 (1979)
Rec. XII-5 (1983)	
Rec. XIII-7 (1985)	
Rec. XVI-7 (1991)	
Measure 3 (2001)	
Measure 4 (2005)	
Renamed and renumbered as ASPA by Decision 1 (2002):	Measure 1 (2006)
4) If the proposal contains a revision of an existing management plan, please indicate the types of amendment:	
major or minor?	Minor
any changes to the boundaries or co-ordinates?	NO
any changes to the maps? If yes, are the changes in the captions only or also in the graphics?	NO
any change to the description of the area that is relevant to identifying its location or its boundaries?	NO
any changes that affect any other ASPA, ASMA or HSM within this area or adjacent to it? In particular, please explain any merger with, incorporation of or abolition of any existing area or site.	NO
Other - brief summary of other types of changes, indicating the paragraphs of the management plan in which these are located.	Section 1. Description of protected values. The following was added:
Historical information on discovery of the island;	
Updating of distances, island area and details for the ASPA.	
Subsection 6(i). Geographical coordinates, boundary markers and natural features includes new information obtained by monitoring in the Area for 2010-2015.	
Section 8. Bibliography includes data from two new sources.	
5) If a new ASPA or ASMA is proposed, does it contain any marine area? Yes/No	NO
6) If yes, does the proposal require the prior approval of CCAMLR in accordance with Decision 9 (2005)? Yes/No	N/A
7) If yes, has the prior approval of CCAMLR been obtained? Yes/No (If yes, please list the CCAMLR Final Report and Paragraph No.)	N/A