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Dear Colleagues,

During the 2017 SC-CAMLR deliberations, the Scientific Committee noted the lack of a regional stock hypothesis for *Dissostichus mawsoni* in Area 48. The lack of a hypothesis complicates the evaluation of proposals investigating *D. mawsoni* life history, as well as spatial planning, in this area. It subsequently welcomed the offer from Germany to host a CCAMLR Workshop for the development of a *D. mawsoni* stock hypothesis for statistical Area 48 (see SC-CAMLR-XXXVI, paragraph 5.7), with an objective of delivering such a stock hypothesis before the 2018 meetings of WG-SAM and WG-EMM (SC-CAMLR-XXXVI, paragraph 3.82)

The terms of reference for this workshop were developed by the Scientific Committee (SC-CAMLR-XXXVI, Annex 10), and it was agreed that the workshop would be held in Berlin, Germany from 19 to 21 February, and co-convened by Drs. Darby (UK) and Jones (USA).

We kindly invite all CCAMLR Members to participate in this upcoming workshop. Broad engagement of all Members (not just those fishing for *D. mawsoni* in Area 48) is important to ensure a productive workshop that addresses and clarifies several significant aspects of *D. mawsoni* in this Area, and will further assist in ongoing research, harvesting, and spatial planning activities.

A provisional agenda was developed and circulated by the co-conveners ([www.ccamlr.org/node/97936](http://www.ccamlr.org/node/97936)).

We look forward to seeing you in Berlin!

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Workshop Co-conveners