

Resolution 33/XXX
Provision of flag vessel information to Maritime Rescue
Coordination Centres

Species	all
Area	all
Season	all
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The Commission,

Recognising the difficult and dangerous conditions in which high-latitude fisheries operate in the Convention Area, and the challenges of search and rescue response,

Noting the duty to render assistance and to act as quickly as possible in order to rescue persons in distress, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea and other international conventions,

Noting that many Contracting Parties have ratified the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR 1979),

Bearing in mind that designated Search and Rescue (SAR) Areas cover the Convention Area, with search and rescue responsibilities being carried out by relevant Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres (MRCCs) in accordance with the arrangements that each State has established with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in particular in the Global SAR Plan,

urges CCAMLR Members to provide, or encourage fishing vessels¹ under their flag to provide, contact details and other relevant information related to fishing vessels under their flag to the appropriate MRCC, in advance of vessels entering the Convention Area.

¹ For the purposes of this resolution, 'fishing vessel' means any vessel of any size used for, equipped to be used for, or intended for use for the purposes of fishing or fishing related activities, including support ships, fish processing vessels, vessels engaged in transshipment and carrier vessels equipped for the transportation of fishery products except container vessels and excluding Members' marine science research vessels.