The role of SCAR in the Antarctic Treaty System – an environmental protection perspective

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- For major advances in environmental protection
(2) that since these activities of SCAR constitute the kind of activity contemplated in Article III of the Treaty, SCAR should be encouraged to continue this advisory work which has so effectively facilitated international co-operation in scientific investigation.
2. In carrying out its functions, the Committee shall, as appropriate, consult with the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, the Scientific Committee for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and other relevant scientific, environmental and technical organizations.
Unsolicited advice
Specially Protected Species
Non-native Species
Environmental Change Impacts
SCAR identifies issues emerging from greater scientific understanding of the region and brings them to the attention of policy makers.
Ross Seal

CEP Draft Report:
... (provides) a new article on the status of the Ross seal, that the CEP could usefully refer to this article in consideration of the status of this specially protected species in the near future...
The Representatives recommend to their Governments that they should individually encourage the work of international organisations having a scientific or technical interest in Antarctica, including the specialised agencies of the United Nations, and should promote on a bilateral basis the establishment and development of co-operative working relations with these organisations.
Global Biodiversity Outlook 4
Summary and Conclusions

Summary of progress and key actions related to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
14. Ecosystem services safeguarded.
16. Agreement on access and benefit sharing for bioprospecting.
17. Biodiversity strategy and action plans.
20. Financial resources mobilized.
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- Real opportunities to improve conservation in the region
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