

Annex: Checklist to assist in the inspection of Antarctic Specially Protected Areas and Antarctic Specially Managed Areas

This checklist is not intended to be exhaustive, but is designed to provide a guideline to observers conducting inspections in Antarctica in accordance with Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty and Article 14 of the Environment Protocol. Not all items in the checklist are necessarily applicable to the activity being inspected or directly related to Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty or the requirements of the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty. It is recognised that some of the items could be addressed through the Antarctic Treaty Exchange of Information. It is also recognised that the purpose of an inspection is to verify through observation. Therefore, any inspection report should clearly identify which information was observed and which was taken from documents. It is recommended that observers seek out and examine all relevant documents prior to undertaking inspections.

1. General information

- 1.1 Name and number of Protected or Managed Area
- 1.2 Date of inspection visit
- 1.3 Name(s) of observers entering the Area
- 1.4 Mode of transport to/from the Area
- 1.5 Activities conducted by the observers in the Area
- 1.6 Authority issuing permit to observers to enter the Area

2. Nearby stations and visiting vessels (if any)

- 2.1 Nearest stations, bases and vessels
- 2.2 Are copies of the Area Management Plan held on the station or vessel?
- 2.3 Who is responsible for ensuring compliance with Management Plans at any nearby stations or vessels?
- 2.4 Entry by station or vessel personnel to the Area within the past year (issue of permits and reason for their issue)
- 2.5 Are there any problems with station or vessel personnel or visitors not observing the restrictions of the Area?
- 2.6 Are other Protected or Managed Areas in close proximity?

3. Assessment of Area Management Plan

- 3.1 Are the values for which the Area was designated still relevant?
- 3.2 Are the values of the Area being protected effectively?
- 3.3 Are the management aims and objectives appropriate?
- 3.4 Is the period of designation appropriate?

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3.5 Do maps and photographs show the boundary of the Area clearly and the key features it contains?

3.6 Are the boundaries easy to locate?

3.7 Are maps and photographs easy to use and up to date?

3.8 What are the geographical coordinates of the Area? Are they correct (clearly state how this was checked in the field)?

4. Management activities

4.1 Are appropriate management activities being undertaken to protect the values of the Area?

4.2 Is any monitoring of the Area being undertaken?

4.3 What measures are in place to ensure that the aims and objectives of the Management Plan are being met? Do they need to be revised?