



AMSA Conference

Wednesday 13 July 2005, Darwin

Plenary Session (whole of conference)

Chair Ian Cresswell, National Oceans Office

*This plenary session is intended to inform discussion for the Census of Marine Life Workshop

- 8.30 am Plenary Presentation on Biodiversity
Dr Peter Doherty, AIMS
- 9.10 am Plenary Presentation on CoML
Dr Ian Poiner – *“CoML International” and the various field programs, particularly those with Australian components or participants.*
- 9.40 am Dr Vicki Wadley and Prof Michael Stoddart *“CoML Antarctica” - Outline of the objectives of the Antarctic Census program*
- 10.00 am Dr Roland Pitcher – *“Guidance for planning future biodiversity surveys from analysis of a previous series of seabed habitat and biotic sampling surveys on a tropical shelf: Phase 1 of the GBR Seabed Biodiversity Project.”*
- 10.30 am **MORNING TEA**

Workshop Census of Marine Life Australia: Join the Voyage of Discovery

Aim: To help plan (and possibly participate in) a dedicated biodiversity research cruise to augment Australia’s contribution to CoML.

Session One: CoML Setting the Scene (workshop participants)

Chair Ian Cresswell

- 11.00 am Welcome from CoML Australia and purpose for workshop
Ian Cresswell, Chair, CoML Australia
- 11:05 am *“Ocean Biological Information System (OBIS)” - Outline of the global network and the Australian OBIS Node.*



11.20 am Planning the Biodiversity Cruise: Shelf Overview and Gaps
Dr Pat Hutchings, Australian Museum

11.40 am Planning the Biodiversity Cruise: Slope Overview and Gaps
Dr Tim O'Hara, Museum Victoria

12.00 pm Presentation of "Strawman Voyage Plan"
Dr Chris Battershill

Session Two: Breakout Groups

12:20 pm Breakout groups

1.00 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm Breakout groups

Session Three: Facilitated reporting back and general discussion

2.00 pm Reports from Groups

2.30 pm Prioritisation of outcomes from group reports

Session Four: Facilitated Panel Discussion – The Way Forward

(Peter Doherty, Ian Poiner, Vicki Wadley, Roland Pitcher, Pat Hutchings, Tim O'Hara, Chris Battershill)

3:00 pm Discussion – Agree on the concept of a National CoML co-ordinated biodiversity voyage proposal

3.55 pm **Closing Remarks**
Ian Cresswell, Chair, CoML Australia

4.00 pm **AFTERNOON TEA**