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Information Paper submitted by the United Kingdom and IAATO

Summary

This Information Paper provides an update on data contained in ATCMXXXIV/WP20, presented by the United Kingdom, in conjunction with IAATO, with the aim of continuing to share information with other Treaty Parties about the number of yachts operating in the Antarctic during the past (2011-12) season. The data is derived from sightings made by the British team at Port Lockroy, Antarctic Peninsula, and supplemented by additional sightings recorded by IAATO members in the Treaty area.

Background

ATCM XXXIV noted the continuing interest in, and concern about, the conduct of some yachts in Antarctica (ATCMXXXIV Final Report, paras 278-297). Many Parties welcomed the information provided by the UK, in conjunction with IAATO, about sighted yacht activities during 2010/11 (ATCM XXXV/WP20) and so this Information Paper provides the same information for the past season.

Following comments made at ATCM XXXIV, however, we have also included as much information as we can about the registration details of the yachts sighted, as well as information about the authorising Party, where this has been determined. We would welcome any supplementary material which adds to or verifies this information.

As last year, the information from Port Lockroy is collected as part of a wider visitor monitoring programme (for all visitors and vessels). The information from IAATO members is from other incidental sightings by their members.

Compared to last year, the overall number of yachts sighted was down, from 50 in 2010/11 (of which 17 were IAATO members, and 33 were not), to 37 in 2011/12 (of which 14 were IAATO members and 23 were not). Eight vessels were either unauthorised or their authorisation status is unknown.

Recommendation

Whilst the attached list is not exhaustive, the United Kingdom and IAATO continue to believe that it is important that the ATCM continues to monitor the level of yachting activities in Antarctica, taking particular note to identify any yachts that may have been in the region without authorisation from a Treaty Party.

For that reason, we would continue to **invite the ATCM to encourage Parties to continue to share information, including for example via the EIES Pre-Season Information facility and via the post-visit site reports, in line with Resolution 5(2005), particularly for any non-IAATO yachts they have authorised (cf. ATCM XXXIV Final Report para 287), in order to increase the level of coordination between Parties about yacht activity in Antarctica.**

List of yachts observed in Antarctica during the 2011-12 season

Table 1: IAATO members

Name of yacht	Flag State	Authorising Party
Australis	Australia	Australia
Deniki	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Hanse Explorer	Antigua	Germany
Hans Hansson	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Happy Taurus	UK	UK
Golden Fleece	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Kotick	Antigua	France
Paradise	France	France
Pelagic	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Pelagic Australis	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Podorange	UK	France
Santa Maria Australis	Germany	Germany
Spirit of Sydney	Australia	Australia
Vaihere	Belgium	Belgium

(Total = 14)

Table 2: Non-IAATO members, with authorisation from a Treaty Party

Name of yacht	Flag State	Authorising Party
Anne Marie	Netherlands	Norway
Antarctikos	Argentina	Argentina
Boulard	France	France
Dawnbreaker	Sweden	Sweden
Fleur Australe	France	France
Hakéa	France	France
Ilena	France	France
L'île d'elle	Belgium	France
Mina 2	UK	UK
Sarah Vorwerk	Germany	Germany
Shag 2	France	France
Tarka	France	France
Nemo of Sweden	Sweden	Sweden
Paratii 2	Brazil	Brazil
No Comments	France	France

(Total = 15)

Table 3: Non-IAATO members where authorisation from a Treaty Party has not been verified

Name of yacht	Likely Flag State	Authorisation Status
Mar Sem Fin	Brazil	Unknown
Nilaya	NZ / Russia (Norwegian skipper)	Not authorised
Polonus	Poland	Unknown
Scorpius	Russia?	Unknown
Selma Expedition	Poland	Unknown
Uzakler	Turkey	Unknown (but yacht potentially not registered to, or operated by nationals from, a Treaty Party)
Wild	Cook Islands? (New Zealand skipper)	Unknown
Kotic II	Chile? (French skipper)	Unknown

(Total = 8)

Table 4: Update to information in Table 1 of ATCM XXXIV/WP20 – Yacht visits to Port Lockroy

Season	Number of Yacht visits*	Season	Number of Yacht visits*
1996-1997	15	2004-2005	22
1997-1998	18	2005-2006	19
1998-1999	23	2006-2007	51
1999-2000	18	2007-2008	38
2000-2001	16	2008-2009	42
2001-2002	19	2009-2010	55
2002-2003	25	2010-2011	57
2003-2004	24	2011-2012	52

**includes multiple visits by the same yacht*