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### Information Paper submitted by the United Kingdom in conjunction with the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO)

#### **Summary**

This Information Paper provides an update on data contained in ATCMXXXV/IP42 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 (2012-13) season. The data is derived from landings reported by the British team at Port Lockroy, Antarctic Peninsula, and supplemented by additional sightings recorded by IAATO members in the Treaty area and others.

#### **Background**

Parties welcomed the information provided by the UK, in conjunction with IAATO, about sighted yacht activities during 2011/12 (ATCM XXXV/IP42) and so this Information Paper provides the same information for the past season.

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. We would welcome any supplementary material which adds to or verifies this information.

Compared to last year, the overall number of yachts sighted was down, from 37 in 2011/12 (of which 14 were IAATO members and 23 were not), to 32 in 2012/13 (of which 18 were IAATO members and 14 were not). One vessel was unauthorised and another's 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 in order to increase the level of coordination between Parties about yacht activity in Antarctica.**

## List of yachts observed in Antarctica during the 2012-13 season

**Table 1: IAATO members**

<b>Name of Yacht</b>	<b>Flag State</b>	<b>Authorising Party</b>
Arctic P	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Australis	Australia	Australia
Erica XII	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Golden Fleece	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Hans Hansson	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Hanse Explorer	Antigua	Germany
IceBird	UK Overseas Territory	Australia
Paradise	France	France
Pelagic	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Pelagic Australis	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Podorange	UK	France
Selma	Poland	Poland
Sherakhan	Netherlands	Netherlands
Spirit of Sydney	Australia	Australia
Sta Maria Australis	Germany	Germany
Suri	Marshall Islands	UK
Vaihere	Belgium	Belgium
Xplore	Australia	Australia

(Total = 18)

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

<b>Name of Yacht</b>	<b>Flag State</b>	<b>Authorising Party</b>
Alado	France	France
Antarticos	Argentina	Argentina
Boulard	France	France
Endurance of Antarctica	Chile	Chile
Hortense	UK Overseas Territory	UK
Icebird	France	France
Ile d'Elle	France	France
Northanger	New Zealand	USA
Petit Prince	France	France
Providence	Australia	Australia
Quijite	Argentina	Argentina
Sarah Vorwerk	Germany	Germany

(Total = 12)

**Table 3: Non-IAATO, without authorisation from a Treaty Party**

<b>Name of Yacht</b>	<b>Flag State</b>	<b>Authorising Party</b>
Pakea Bizkaia	UK	Not authorised. <i>(The yacht was operated and crewed by Spanish nationals, but neither UK nor Spain provided authorisation to the yacht.)</i>
Savage	Unknown	Unknown – likely not authorised

(Total = 2)

**Table 4: Update to information in Table 4 of ATCM XXXV/IP42 – Yacht visits to Port Lockroy**

<b>Season</b>	<b>Number of Yacht visits*</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Number of Yacht visits*</b>
1996-1997	15	2005-2006	19
1997-1998	18	2006-2007	51
1998-1999	23	2007-2008	38
1999-2000	18	2008-2009	42
2000-2001	16	2009-2010	55
2001-2002	19	2010-2011	57
2002-2003	25	2011-2012	52
2003-2004	24	2012-2013	50
2004-2005	22		

\*includes multiple visits by the same yacht