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COMNAP REPORT TO HCA-8





About COMNAP

- ***Purpose : To develop and promote best practice in managing the support of scientific research in Antarctica***





How

- *Serving as a forum to develop practices that improve effectiveness of activities in an environmentally responsible manner;*
- *Facilitating and promoting international partnerships;*
- *Providing opportunities and systems for information exchange*





and

- *Providing the Antarctic Treaty System with objective and practical, technical and non-political advice drawn from the National Antarctic Programs' pool of expertise.*
- *COMNAP is now a more strategic, project-oriented organisation,*





2007-2008 COMNAP activities of interest to the HCA

- **Workshop “Towards improved SAR coordination and response in the Antarctic”**
- **COMNAP Ship Position Reporting System (SPRS)**
- **Use of Automatic Identification System(AIS) for SAR purposes.**
- **New COMNAP Antarctic facilities map, including Search and Rescue information**





Future intersessional work and desired outcomes of HCA-8

- ***Develop specifications and guidelines for conducting hydrographic surveying using ships of opportunity***
- *Project Manager will be Albert Lluberas from the Uruguayan Antarctic Program*
- *Overseen and supported by COMNAP Vice-Chair Rasik Ravindra, head of the Indian Antarctic Program*





On next AGM, August 2009

- A dedicated one hour session has been scheduled in the next COMNAP meeting for presentation of this work and other hydrography issues to the COMNAP plenary by the Project Manager and members of the HCA.
- the hydrography session is tentatively scheduled for Monday 03 August afternoon.





Thank you

- Any questions?

