Supporting Science in Antarctica

COMNAP's purpose is:

To develop and promote best practice in managing the support of scientific research in the Antarctic by
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 maintains a close relationship with the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)

Supporting the Antarctic Treaty System

COMNAP has the status of Observer at Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings (ATCMs) and at meetings of the Treaty's Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP).

It remains committed to serve its role by providing objective and practical, technical and non-political advice drawn from the National Antarctic Programs' pool of expertise.

COMNAP has progressively assumed a number of practical tasks and functions previously undertaken by the Treaty Parties, and/or by other organisations. In particular, COMNAP maintains a range of information of practical use to many in the Antarctic Treaty System, and which include and go beyond the range of information that Parties are required to exchange under the Treaty.