

Article 27. The Agency shall control the quality of the hydroacoustic stations and evaluate their overall performance. The Board of Governors of the Agency may decide to amend the network by adding or deleting stations in the annexed Table 6, which is not an integral part of the Treaty.

Article 28. A State Party shall, at the Agency's request, cooperate with the Agency in establishing and operating one or several hydroacoustic stations on its territory. For an existing facility, a State Party shall give the Agency authority to use the station as an hydroacoustic station as specified in the Operational Manual for International Exchange of Hydroacoustic Data and to make necessary changes in the equipment and the operational procedures to meet these requirements. A State Party shall cooperate with the Agency to establish a new station at a site to be agreed upon. The State Party shall provide the required land for the station free of charge and cooperate with the Agency in establishing the station and the infrastructure needed to support it. A State Party shall also transfer authority to operate the station or stations to the Agency and cooperate with the Agency in the routine operation.

Article 29. The International Data Centre shall routinely receive data from hydroacoustic stations, process and distribute these data to all participants within two days, store all data contributed by participants as well as the results of the processing at the Centre. The procedures to be used at the Centre are laid down in the Operational Manual for International Exchange of Hydroacoustic Data.