

CONSERVATION MEASURE 233/XX
Limits on the Exploratory Fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in
Statistical Division 58.4.4 outside Areas of National Jurisdiction
in the 2001/02 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 65/XII:

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| Access | 1. Fishing for <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> in Statistical Division 58.4.4 outside areas of national jurisdiction shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by France, Japan, South Africa and Uruguay. The fishery shall be conducted by French, Japanese, South African and Uruguayan-flagged vessels using longlines only. No more than one vessel shall fish at any one time. |
| Catch limit | 2. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> in Statistical Division 58.4.4 outside areas of national jurisdiction in the 2001/02 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 103 tonnes. |
| Season | 3. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> in Statistical Division 58.4.4 outside areas of national jurisdiction, the 2001/02 season is defined as the period from 1 May to 31 August 2002, or until the catch limit is reached, whichever is sooner. |
| By-catch | 4. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 228/XX. |
| Mitigation | 5. The operation of this fishery shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 29/XIX so as to minimise the incidental mortality of seabirds in the course of fishing. |
| Observers | 6. Each vessel participating in this fishery shall have at least one scientific observer appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, and where possible one additional scientific observer, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period. |
| Data:
catch/effort | 7. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2001/02 season, the following shall apply:

(i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XIX; and

(ii) the Monthly Fine-scale Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 122/XIX. Fine-scale data shall be submitted on a haul-by-haul basis. |
| | 8. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 51/XIX and 122/XIX, the target species is <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. and by-catch species are defined as any species other than <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. |

- Data:
biological
9. Fine-scale biological data, as required under Conservation Measure 121/XIX, shall be collected and recorded. Such data shall be reported in accordance with the System of International Scientific Observation.
- Research
10. Every haul in this exploratory fishery shall meet the requirements of research hauls in Conservation Measure 227/XX Annex B, paragraph 4.
11. This fishery is exempted from paragraph 7 of Conservation Measure 227/XX except:
- (i) on entry into an SSRU as described in Conservation Measure 227/XX, Annex B, Table 1, each vessel shall undertake 10 hauls prior to moving to another SSRU provided that the fishery has not been closed;
 - (ii) provisions for data collection in Conservation Measure 227/XX, Annex B, paragraph 5 shall apply;
 - (iii) the Data Collection Plan in Conservation Measure 227/XX, Annex A will apply; and
 - (iv) data collected pursuant to the Data Collection and Research Plans for the period up to 31 August 2002 shall be reported to CCAMLR by 30 September 2002 so that the data will be available to the meeting of the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment (WG-FSA) in 2002. Such data taken after 31 August shall be reported to CCAMLR not later than three months after the closure of the fishery, but, where possible, submitted in time for the consideration of WG-FSA.