

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-07 (2007)
Limits on the exploratory fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
on BANZARE Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3b) outside
areas of national jurisdiction in the 2007/08 season

Species	toothfish
Area	58.4.3b
Season	2007/08
Gear	longline

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 21-02:

- Access 1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. on BANZARE Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3b) outside areas of national jurisdiction shall be limited to the exploratory fishery by Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Namibia, Spain and Uruguay. The fishery shall be conducted by Australian, Japanese, Korean, Namibian, Spanish and Uruguayan flagged vessels using longlines only. No more than one vessel per country shall fish at any one time.
- Catch limit 2. The total catch of *Dissostichus* spp. on BANZARE Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3b) outside areas of national jurisdiction in the 2007/08 season shall not exceed:
- (i) a precautionary catch limit of 150 tonnes applied as follows:
- SSRU A – 150 tonnes¹
SSRU B – 0 tonnes;
- (ii) an additional catch limit of 50 tonnes for the scientific research survey² in SSRUs A and B in 2007/08.
- Season 3. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. on BANZARE Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3b) outside areas of national jurisdiction, the 2007/08 season¹ is defined as the period from 1 May to 31 August 2008, 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 33-03.
- Mitigation 5. The operation of this fishery shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02 so as to minimise the incidental mortality of seabirds in the course of fishing.
6. The fishery on BANZARE Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3b) outside areas of national jurisdiction, may take place outside the prescribed season¹ (paragraph 3) provided that, prior to entry into force of the licence and prior to entering the Convention Area, each vessel shall demonstrate its capacity to comply with experimental line-weighting trials as approved by the Scientific Committee and described in Conservation Measure 24-02 and such data shall be reported to the Secretariat immediately.

7. Should a total of three (3) seabirds be caught by a vessel outside the normal season (defined in paragraph 3), the vessel shall cease fishing immediately and shall not be permitted to fish outside the normal fishing season for the remainder of the 2007/08 fishing season.
- Observers 8. 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 9. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2007/08 season, the following shall apply:
- (i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-01;
- (ii) the Monthly Fine-scale Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-04. Fine-scale data shall be submitted on a haul-by-haul basis.
10. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 23-01 and 23-04, the target species is *Dissostichus* spp. and by-catch species are defined as any species other than *Dissostichus* spp.
- Data: biological 11. Fine-scale biological data, as required under Conservation Measure 23-05, shall be collected and recorded. Such data shall be reported in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation.
- Research 12. Each vessel participating in this exploratory fishery shall conduct fishery-based research in accordance with the Research Plan and Tagging Program described in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex B and Annex C respectively.
13. Toothfish shall be tagged at a rate of at least three fish per tonne green weight caught.
- Environ- mental protection 14. Conservation Measure 26-01 applies.

¹ Fishing is not to occur during the period from 16 March 2008 until the end of the scientific research survey or 1 June 2008, whichever is sooner.

² The scientific research survey will be that notified by Australia (SC-CAMLR-XXVI, paragraphs 9.8 to 9.10) and completed prior to 1 June 2008. Australia will notify the Secretariat at least three months before the start of the survey of the date of that start, and will further notify the Secretariat of the date of completion of the survey. The Secretariat will circulate this information to Members.