

**CONSERVATION MEASURE 60/XI**  
**Limits on the Exploratory Crab Fishery in**  
**Statistical Area 48 in the 1992/93 Season**

The following measures apply to all crab fishing within Statistical Area 48:

1. The crab fishery is defined as any harvest activity in which the target species is any member of the crab group (Order *Decapoda*, Suborder *Reptantia*).
2. The crab fishery in Statistical Area 48 shall be closed from 15 November 1992 until the CCAMLR Workshop to Develop the Longterm Management Plan for Crabs (planned for April or May, 1993) has met, revised the data reporting forms and provided modified forms to Members who have notified the Secretariat of their intention to fish for crabs.
3. The crab fishery shall be limited to one vessel per Member, however, if the Secretariat is notified that more than three vessels intend to fish for crabs, no more than 1 600 tonnes shall be taken during the period from the start of the fishery until the end of the next meeting of the Commission in 1993.
4. Each Member intending to participate in the crab fishery shall notify the CCAMLR Secretariat at least three months in advance of starting fishing of the name, type, size, registration number and radio call sign and fishing plan of the vessel that the Member has authorised to participate in the crab fishery.
5. The following data shall be reported to CCAMLR by 30 August 1993 for crabs caught prior to 30 July 1993:
  - (i) the location, date, depth, fishing effort (number and spacing of pots) and catch (numbers and weight) of commercially sized crabs (reported on as fine a scale as possible, but no coarser than 1° longitude by 0.5° latitude) for each 10-day period;
  - (ii) the species, size and sex of a representative subsample of crabs and by-catch caught in traps; and
  - (iii) other relevant data, as possible, according to the logbook formats already being used in the crab fishery (SC-CAMLR-XI, Annex 5, Appendix F).
6. For the purposes of implementing this Conservation Measure the 10-day catch and effort reporting system set out in Conservation Measure 61/XI shall apply.
7. Data identified by the Workshop that are required to determine the appropriate harvest levels shall be collected during the 1993 season by all vessels fishing for crabs. These data shall be reported to CCAMLR in the form specified by the Workshop. Data on catches taken before 30 August 1993 shall be reported to the CCAMLR Secretariat by 30 September to enable the data to be available to the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment.

8. Crab fishing gear shall be limited to the use of crab pots (traps). The use of all other methods of catching crabs (e.g., bottom trawls) shall be prohibited.
9. The crab fishery shall be limited to sexually mature male crabs - all female and undersized male crabs caught shall be released unharmed. In the case of *Paralomis spinosissima* and *P. formosa*, males with a minimum carapace width of 102 mm and 90 mm, respectively, may be retained in the catch; and
10. Crab processed at sea shall be frozen as crab sections (minimum size of crabs can be determined using crab sections).