

## SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXEMPTIONS

8.1 The Scientific Committee noted the following notifications under Conservation Measure 64/XII of scientific research surveys planned for the 1999/2000 intersessional period (see CCAMLR-XVIII/BG/9, Table 5; Annex 5, paragraphs 6.6 to 6.12):

- Argentina (*Dr Eduardo L. Holmberg*) in Subarea 48.3 (various Antarctic fish);
- Australia (to be announced) in Division 58.5.2 (*C. gunnari* and *D. eleginoides*);
- France (*La Curieuse*) in Division 58.5.1 (studies on mesopelagic fish);
- Japan (*Kaiyo Maru*) in Area 48 (CCAMLR-2000 Survey and related work);
- Russia (*Atlantida*) in Area 48 (CCAMLR-2000 Survey, *C. gunnari* and other species);
- UK (*Argos Atlanta*) in Subarea 48.3 (experimental pot fishery for *D. eleginoides*);
- UK (*James Clark Ross*) in Area 48 (CCAMLR-2000 Survey and related work on krill, *C. gunnari* and other species);
- UK (*Argos Galicia*) in Subarea 48.3 (*C. gunnari* and *D. eleginoides*);
- USA (*Yuzhmorgeologiya*) in Area 48 (CCAMLR-2000 Survey and related work); and
- USA (*Laurence M. Gould* and *Nathaniel B. Palmer*) in Subareas 48.1, 88.1 and 88.2 (various studies on krill, fish, plankton, benthic communities, larval fish and pack-ice seals).

8.2 In addition, New Zealand planned to tag and release *D. mawsoni* and skates in Subarea 88.1 as part of its research plan for the exploratory longline fishery for *D. mawsoni*.

8.3 With the exception of the experimental pot fishing for *D. eleginoides* planned by the UK in Subarea 48.3, the total catch of finfish and krill in each of the surveys notified for 1999/2000 was expected to be less than 50 tonnes.

8.4 The Scientific Committee noted that the UK expected to catch 400 to 600 tonnes of *D. eleginoides* during the planned experimental pot fishing; details of the experimental design were submitted in CCAMLR-XVIII/BG/38 and had been considered by WG-FSA (Annex 5, paragraph 6.7). The Scientific Committee agreed that the catch of *D. eleginoides* taken in pots would be deducted from the catch limit for that species in Subarea 48.3 in the 1999/2000 season in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 64/XII.

8.5 The Scientific Committee also noted that experimental pot fishing for *D. eleginoides* may result in significant levels of by-catch, particularly crabs, and that this should also be taken into consideration when monitoring the catch limit for crabs in this subarea. Similarly, any *D. eleginoides* taken in the pot fishery for crabs should be taken into consideration when monitoring the catch limit for *D. eleginoides* in this subarea.