

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-09 (2002)
Limits on the Exploratory Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Subarea 88.1 in the 2002/03 Season

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| Species | toothfish |
| Area | 88.1 |
| Season | 2002/03 |
| Gear | longline |

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

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| Access | 1. Fishing for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Japan, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa and Spain. The fishery shall be conducted by a maximum in the season of two (2) Japanese, six (6) New Zealand, two (2) Russian, two (2) South African and one (1) Spanish flagged vessels ¹ using longlines only. |
| Catch limit | 2. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 in the 2002/03 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 256 tonnes north of 65°S and 3 504 tonnes south of 65°S. |
| | 3. In order to ensure an adequate spread of fishing effort south of 65°S, no more than 876 tonnes of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. shall be taken in each of the four small-scale research units (SSRUs) identified for Statistical Subarea 88.1 south of 65°S, as defined in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex B. |
| Season | 4. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1, the 2002/03 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2002 to 31 August 2003. |
| Fishing operations | 5. The exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 41-01, except paragraph 7. |
| By-catch | 6. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 33-03. |
| Mitigation | 7. The exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 25-02, except paragraph 3 (night setting) shall not apply. Prior to licensing, 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. |
| | 8. In Statistical Subarea 88.1, longlines may be set during daylight hours only if the vessels are demonstrating a consistent minimum line sink rate of 0.3 m/s in accordance with Conservation Measure 24-02. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately revert to night setting in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02. |

9. There shall be no offal discharge in this fishery.
- Observers 10. Each vessel participating in the fishery shall have at least two scientific observers, one of whom shall be an observer appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.
- VMS 11. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery shall be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 10-04.
- CDS 12. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery shall be required to participate in the Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* spp., in accordance with Conservation Measure 10-05.
- Research 13. Each vessel participating in this exploratory fishery shall conduct fishery-based research in accordance with the research plan described in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex B.
- Data:
catch/effort 14. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2002/03 season, the following shall apply:
- (i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-01; and
 - (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.
15. 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 16. 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 Scheme of International Scientific Observation.
- Discharge 17. All vessels participating in this exploratory fishery shall be prohibited from discharging:
- (i) oil or fuel products or oily residues into the sea, except as permitted in Annex I of MARPOL 73/78;
 - (ii) garbage;
 - (iii) food wastes not capable of passing through a screen with openings no greater than 25 mm;
 - (iv) poultry or parts (including egg shells); or

(v) sewage within 12 n miles of land or ice shelves, or sewage while the ship is travelling at a speed of less than 4 knots.

- Additional elements
18. No live poultry or other living birds shall be brought into Statistical Subarea 88.1 and any dressed poultry not consumed shall be removed from Statistical Subarea 88.1.
 19. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be prohibited within 10 n miles of the coast of the Balleny Islands.

¹ As notified to the Secretariat in accordance with Conservation Measure 21-02, paragraph 2(iv).