

CONSERVATION MEASURE 52-01 (2002)
Limits on the Fishery for Crab in Statistical Subarea 48.3
in the 2002/03 Season

Species	crab
Area	48.3
Season	2002/03
Gear	pot

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 31-01:

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| Access | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The fishery for crab in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall be conducted by vessels using pots only. The crab fishery is defined as any commercial harvest activity in which the target species is any member of the crab group (Order Decapoda, Suborder Reptantia). The crab fishery shall be limited to one vessel per Member. 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, radio call sign, and research and fishing operations plan of the vessel that the Member has authorised to participate in the crab fishery. |
| Catch limit | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The total catch of crab in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 2002/03 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 1 600 tonnes. 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 <i>Paralomis spinosissima</i> and <i>Paralomis formosa</i>, males with a minimum carapace width of 94 mm and 90 mm, respectively, may be retained in the catch. |
| Season | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For the purpose of the pot fishery for crab in Statistical Subarea 48.3, the 2002/03 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2002 to 30 November 2003, or until the catch limit is reached, whichever is sooner. |
| By-catch | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The by-catch of <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> shall be counted against the catch limit in the fishery for <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> in Statistical Subarea 48.3. |
| Observers | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Scientific observers shall be afforded unrestricted access to the catch for statistical random sampling prior to, as well as after, sorting by the crew. |
| Data:
catch/effort | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2002/03 season, the following shall apply: |

- (i) the Ten-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-02; 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.

10. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 23-02 and 23-04 the target species is crab and by-catch species are defined as any species other than crab.

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 Scheme of International Scientific Observation.

Research 12. Each vessel participating in this exploratory fishery shall conduct fishery-based research in accordance with the data requirements described in Annex 52-01/A and the experimental harvest regime described in Conservation Measure 52-02. Data collected for the period up to 31 August 2003 shall be reported to CCAMLR by 30 September 2003 so that the data will be available to the meeting of the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment in 2003. Such data collected after 31 August shall be reported to CCAMLR not later than three months after the closure of the fishery.

**DATA REQUIREMENTS ON THE
CRAB FISHERY IN STATISTICAL SUBAREA 48.3**

Catch and Effort Data:

Cruise Descriptions

cruise code, vessel code, permit number, year.

Pot Descriptions

diagrams and other information, including pot shape, dimensions, mesh size, funnel position, aperture and orientation, number of chambers, presence of an escape port.

Effort Descriptions

date, time, latitude and longitude of the start of the set, compass bearing of the set, total number of pots set, spacing of pots on the line, number of pots lost, depth, soak time, bait type.

Catch Descriptions

retained catch in numbers and weight, by-catch of all species (see Table 1), incremental record number for linking with sample information.

Table 1: Data requirements for by-catch species in the crab fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.3.

Species	Data Requirements
<i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i>	Numbers and estimated total weight
<i>Notothenia rossii</i>	Numbers and estimated total weight
Other species	Estimated total weight

Biological Data:

For these data, crabs are to be sampled from the line hauled just prior to noon, by collecting the entire contents of a number of pots spaced at intervals along the line so that between 35 and 50 specimens are represented in the subsample.

Cruise Descriptions

cruise code, vessel code, permit number.

Sample Descriptions

date, position at start of the set, compass bearing of the set, line number.

Data

species, sex, length of at least 35 individuals, presence/absence of rhizocephalan parasites, record of the destination of the crab (kept, discarded, destroyed), record of the pot number from which the crab comes.