

**CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-02 (2003)**  
**Limits on the Fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides***  
**in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 2003/04 Season**

Species	toothfish
Area	48.3
Season	2003/04
Gear	longline, pot

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

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| Access      | 1. The fishery for <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall be conducted by vessels using longlines and pots only.   |
| Catch limit | 2. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 2003/04 season shall be limited to 4 420 tonnes.   |
| Season      | 3. For the purpose of the longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> in Statistical Subarea 48.3, the 2003/04 season is defined as the period from 1 May to 31 August 2004, or until the catch limit is reached, whichever is sooner. For the purpose of the pot fishery for <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> in Statistical Subarea 48.3, the 2003/04 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2003 to 30 November 2004, or until the catch limit is reached, whichever is sooner. The season for longline fishing operations may be extended to 14 September 2004 for any vessel which has demonstrated full compliance with Conservation Measure 25-02 in the 2002/03 season. This extension to the season will also be subject to a catch limit of three (3) seabirds per vessel. If three seabirds are caught during the season extension, fishing shall cease immediately for that vessel.  |
| By-catch    | <p>4. The by-catch of crab shall be counted against the catch limit in the crab fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.3.</p> <p>5. The by-catch of finfish in the fishery for <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 2003/04 season shall not exceed 221 tonnes for skates and rays and 221 tonnes for <i>Macrourus</i> spp. For the purpose of these by-catch limits, skates and rays shall be counted as a single species.</p> <p>6. If the by-catch of any one species is equal to or greater than 1 tonne in any one haul or set, then the fishing vessel shall move to another location at least 5 n miles<sup>1</sup> distant. The fishing vessel shall not return to any point within 5 n miles of the location where the by-catch exceeded 1 tonne for a period of at least five days<sup>2</sup>. The location where the by-catch exceeded 1 tonne is defined as the path followed by the fishing vessel from the point at which the fishing gear was first deployed from the fishing vessel to the point at which the fishing gear was retrieved by the fishing vessel.</p> |
| Mitigation  | 7. 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.  |

- 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 2003/04 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 eleginoides* and by-catch species are defined as any species other than *Dissostichus eleginoides*.
11. The total number and weight of *Dissostichus eleginoides* discarded, including those with the 'jellymeat' condition, shall be reported. These fish will count towards the total allowable catch.
- Data: biological 12. 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.
- <sup>1</sup> This provision concerning the minimum distance separating fishing locations is adopted pending the adoption of a more appropriate definition of a fishing location by the Commission.
- <sup>2</sup> The specified period is adopted in accordance with the reporting period specified in Conservation Measure 23-01, pending the adoption of a more appropriate period by the Commission.