

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-04 (2003)
Limits on the Exploratory Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Subarea 48.6 in the 2003/04 Season

Species	toothfish
Area	48.6
Season	2003/04
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 48.6 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Argentina, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Spain and South Africa. The fishery shall be conducted by Argentine, Japanese, Namibian, New Zealand, Spanish and South African flagged vessels using longlines only. No more than one vessel per country shall fish at any one time. |
| Catch limit | 2. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 in the 2003/04 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 455 tonnes north of 60°S and 455 tonnes south of 60°S. |
| Season | 3. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6, the 2003/04 season is defined as the period from 1 March to 31 August 2004 north of 60°S and the period from 15 February to 15 October 2004 south of 60°S. In the event that either limit is reached, the relevant fishery shall be closed. |
| By-catch | 4. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 33-03. |
| Mitigation | 5. The exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 25-02, except paragraph 4 (night setting). Prior to entry into force of the licence and prior to entering the Convention Area, 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. |
| | 6. Longlines may be set during daylight hours only if the vessels are demonstrating a consistent minimum line sink rate of 0.3 m/s. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately revert to night setting in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02. |
| | 7. There shall be no offal discharge in this fishery. |
| Observers | 8. 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. |

- 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* spp. and by-catch species are defined as any species other than *Dissostichus* spp.
- 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 Research Plan and Tagging Program described in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex B and Annex C respectively.