

CONSERVATION MEASURE 43-02 (2003)

Limits on the Exploratory Fishery for *Macrourus* spp. on Elan Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3a) outside Areas of National Jurisdiction in the 2003/04 Season

Species	<i>Macrourus</i>
Area	58.4.3a
Season	2003/04
Gear	trawl

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

- Access 1. Fishing for *Macrourus* spp. on Elan Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3a) outside areas of national jurisdiction shall be limited to the exploratory trawl fishery by Australia. The fishery shall be conducted by one Australian flagged vessel.
- Catch limit 2. The total catch of *Macrourus* spp. on Elan Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3a) outside areas of national jurisdiction in the 2003/04 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 26 tonnes.
- Season 3. For the purpose of the exploratory trawl fishery for *Macrourus* spp. on Elan Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3a) outside areas of national jurisdiction, 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.
- By-catch 4. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 33-03.
- Mitigation 5. The operation of this fishery shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-03 so as to minimise the incidental mortality of seabirds in the course of fishing.
- Observers 6. 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 7. 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.

8. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 23-01 and 23-04, the target species is *Macrourus* spp. and by-catch species are defined as any species other than *Macrourus* spp. Any catch of *Dissostichus* spp. shall be subtracted from the catch limit for *Dissostichus* spp. specified in Conservation Measure 41-06.
- Data: biological 9. 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 10. 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.