

CONSERVATION MEASURE 123/XVI
Limitation of the Total Catch of *Champocephalus gunnari*
in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 1997/98 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V:

1. The total catch of *Champocephalus gunnari* in the 1997/98 season shall be limited to 4 520 tonnes in Statistical Subarea 48.3.
2. The fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall close if the by-catch of any of the species listed in Conservation Measure 95/XIV reaches its by-catch limit or if the total catch of *Champocephalus gunnari* reaches 4 520 tonnes, whichever is sooner.
3. If, in the course of the directed fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari*, the by-catch in any one haul of any of the species named in Conservation Measure 95/XIV
 - is greater than 100 kg and exceeds 5% of the total catch of all fish by weight, or
 - is equal to or greater than 2 tonnes, then

the fishing vessel shall move to another location at least 5 n miles distant¹. The fishing vessel shall not return to any point within 5 n miles of the location where the by-catch of species named in Conservation Measure 95/XIV exceeded 5% for a period of at least five days². The location where the by-catch exceeded 5% 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.

4. Where any haul contains more than 100 kg of *Champocephalus gunnari*, and more than 10% of the *Champocephalus gunnari* by number are smaller than 240 mm total length, the fishing vessel shall move to another fishing location at least 5 n miles distant¹. The fishing vessel shall not return to any point within 5 n miles of the location where the catch of small *Champocephalus gunnari* exceeded 10%, for a period of at least five days². The location where the catch of small *Champocephalus gunnari* exceeded 10% 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.
5. The use of bottom trawls in the directed fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 is prohibited.
6. The fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall be closed from 1 April 1998 until the end of the Commission meeting in 1998.
7. Each vessel participating in the directed fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari* in Subarea 48.3 in the 1997/98 season shall have a scientific observer, appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

8. For the purpose of implementing paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Conservation Measure:
- (i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XII shall apply in the 1997/98 season; and
 - (ii) the Monthly Fine-scale Catch and Effort Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 122/XVI shall apply for *Champscephalus gunnari*. Data shall be reported on a haul-by-haul basis.
9. Fine-scale biological data, as required under Conservation Measure 121/XVI shall be collected and recorded. Such data shall be reported in accordance with the Scheme of International Scientific Observation.
- ¹ This provision is adopted pending the adoption of a more appropriate definition of a fishing location by the Commission.
 - ² The specified period is adopted in accordance with the reporting period specified in Conservation Measure 51/XII, pending the adoption of a more appropriate period by the Commission.