

CONSERVATION MEASURE 187/XVIII
Exploratory Longline Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Division 58.4.3 outside Areas under
National Jurisdictions in the 1999/2000 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 65/XII:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.3 outside areas under national jurisdictions by the longline method shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by the European Community and France. The fishery shall be conducted by European Community (Portuguese-flagged) and French-flagged vessels using longlining only.
2. BANZARE Bank is defined as waters within Statistical Division 58.4.3 and between the latitudes 55°S and 62°S and longitudes 73°30'E and 80°E. Elan Bank is defined as waters within the latitudes 55°S and 62°S and longitudes 60°E and 73°30'E outside areas of national jurisdiction.
3. The precautionary catch limit of *Dissostichus* spp. for this exploratory longline fishery in Statistical Division 58.4.3 shall be limited to 300 tonnes on BANZARE Bank and 250 tonnes on Elan Bank. In the event that the limit on either of these banks is reached, the fishery on that bank shall be closed.
4. For the purpose of this exploratory longline fishery, the 1999/2000 fishing season is defined as the period from 1 May to 31 August 2000.
5. The exploratory longline fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measures 29/XVI and 182/XVIII.
6. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery will be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.