

Conservation Measure 41-05 (2023)
Limits on the exploratory fishery for *Dissostichus mawsoni*
in Statistical Division 58.4.2 in the 2023/24 season

Species	toothfish
Area	58.4.2
Season	2023/24
Gear	longline

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 21-02, and notes that this measure would be for one year and that data arising from these activities would be reviewed by the Scientific Committee:

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| Access | <p>1. Fishing for <i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i> in Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Australia and France. The fishery shall be conducted by two (2) Australian and one (1) French vessels using longlines only.</p> <p>2. This fishery shall be subject to the conditions in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex 41-01/B. For the purpose of this fishery, the area open to fishing is defined by the research blocks in Annex 41-05/A.</p> |
| Catch limit | <p>3. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i> in Statistical Division 58.4.2 in the 2023/24 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 309 tonnes applied as follows:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">SSRU A – 0 tonnes
 SSRU B – 0 tonnes
 SSRU C Research block 58.4.2_2 – 206 tonnes
 SSRU D – 0 tonnes
 SSRU E Research block 58.4.2_1 – 103 tonnes.</p> |
| Season | <p>4. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i> in Statistical Division 58.4.2, the 2023/24 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024.</p> |
| Fishing operations | <p>5. The exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i> in Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 41-01, except paragraph 6.</p> |
| By-catch | <p>6. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 33-03.</p> |
| Mitigation | <p>7. The exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i> in Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 25-02.</p> <p>8. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately change to night setting only (i.e., setting only during the hours of darkness between the times of nautical twilight¹).</p> |

- Observers 9. 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.
- Research 10. 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 41-01/B and Annex 41-01/C respectively.
11. Toothfish shall be tagged at a rate of at least five fish per tonne green weight caught. The tagging rate and the tag-overlap statistic shall be calculated for each research block (paragraph 3).
- Data: catch/effort 12. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2023/24 season, the following shall apply:
- (i) the Daily Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-07;
 - (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;
 - (iii) fishing vessels undertaking research in accordance with Conservation Measure 24-01 shall report data in accordance with the requirements (i) and (ii) above.
13. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 23-07 and 23-04, the target species is *Dissostichus mawsoni* (any *Dissostichus eleginoides* caught shall be counted towards the overall catch limit for *Dissostichus mawsoni*) and ‘by-catch species’ are defined as any species other than *Dissostichus* spp.
- Data: biological 14. Fine-scale biological data shall be collected, recorded and reported in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation.
- Environ- mental protection 15. Conservation Measure 26-01 applies.
16. Conservation Measures 22-06, 22-07 and 22-08 apply.
- ¹ The exact times of nautical twilight are set forth in the Nautical Almanac tables for the relevant latitude, local time and date. A copy of the algorithm for calculating these times is available from the CCAMLR Secretariat. All times, whether for ship operations or observer reporting, shall be referenced to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).
- ² Wherever possible, when night setting, setting of lines should be completed at least three hours before sunrise (to reduce loss of bait to/catches of white-chinned petrels).

Research blocks

Research block 58.4.2_1 coordinates

66°00'S	70°00'E
67°30'S	70°00'E
67°30'S	76°00'E
66°00'S	76°00'E

Research block 58.4.2_2 coordinates

65°00'S	50°00'E
66°30'S	50°00'E
66°30'S	58°00'E
65°00'S	58°00'E.