

Conservation Measure 41-08 (2023)
Limits on the fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in
Statistical Division 58.5.2 in the 2023/24 season

Species	toothfish
Area	58.5.2
Season	2023/24
Gear	various

- Access 1. The fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Division 58.5.2 shall be conducted by vessels using trawls, pots or longlines only.
- Catch limit 2. The total catch of *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Division 58.5.2 in the 2023/24 season shall be limited to 2 660 tonnes west of 79°20'E.
- Season 3. For the purpose of the trawl and pot fisheries for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Division 58.5.2, the 2023/24 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024, or until the catch limit is reached, whichever is sooner. For the purpose of the longline fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Division 58.5.2, the 2023/24 season is defined as the period from 1 May to 14 September, or until the catch limit is reached, whichever is sooner. The season for longline fishing operations shall be extended from 1 April to 30 April and 15 September to 30 November. The extension period will be subject to a total catch limit of three (3) seabirds per vessel. If three (3) seabirds are caught during the season extension, fishing throughout the season extension shall cease immediately for that vessel for the remainder of that fishing season.
- By-catch 4. Fishing shall cease if the by-catch of any species reaches its by-catch limit as set out in Conservation Measure 33-02.
- Mitigation 5. The operation of the trawl fishery shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-03 so as to minimise the incidental mortality of seabirds and mammals through the course of fishing. The operation of the longline fishery shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02.
- During the periods 1 April to 30 April in the 2023/24 season, vessels shall use Integrated Weight Longline (IWL) gear in conjunction with paired streamer lines.
- Observers 6. Each vessel participating in this fishery shall have at least one scientific observer, and may include one appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period, with the exception of the period 1 April to 30 April when two scientific observers shall be carried.
- Data: catch/effort 7. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure, the following shall apply:
- (i) the Ten-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Annex 41-08/A;

- (ii) the Monthly Fine-scale Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Annex 41-08/A. Fine-scale data shall be submitted on a haul-by-haul basis.
8. For the purpose of Annex 41-08/A, the target species is *Dissostichus eleginoides* and by-catch species are defined as any species other than *Dissostichus eleginoides*.
 9. The total number and weight of *Dissostichus eleginoides* discarded, including those with the 'jellymeat' condition, shall be reported. These fish will count towards the total allowable catch.
- Data: biological
10. Fine-scale biological data, as required under Annex 41-08/A, shall be collected and recorded. Such data shall be reported in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation.
- Environmental protection
11. Conservation Measure 26-01 applies.

Annex 41-08/A

Data reporting system

1. A ten-day catch and effort reporting system shall be implemented:
 - (i) for the purpose of implementing this system, the calendar month shall be divided into three reporting periods, viz: day 1 to day 10, day 11 to day 20 and day 21 to the last day of the month. The reporting periods are hereafter referred to as periods A, B and C;
 - (ii) at the end of each reporting period, each Contracting Party participating in the fishery shall obtain from each of its vessels information on total catch and total days and hours fished for that period and shall, by electronic transmission, transmit the aggregated catch and days and hours fished for its vessels so as to reach the Executive Secretary no later than the end of the next reporting period;
 - (iii) a report must be submitted by every Contracting Party taking part in the fishery for each reporting period for the duration of the fishery, even if no catches are taken;
 - (iv) the catch of *Dissostichus eleginoides* and of all by-catch species must be reported;
 - (v) such reports shall specify the month and reporting period (A, B and C) to which each report refers;
 - (vi) immediately after the deadline has passed for receipt of the reports for each period, the Executive Secretary shall notify all Contracting Parties engaged in fishing activities in the division of the total catch taken during the reporting period and the total aggregate catch for the season to date;

- (vii) at the end of every three reporting periods, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Contracting Parties of the total catch taken during the three most recent reporting periods and the total aggregate catch for the season to date.
2. A fine-scale catch, effort and biological data reporting system shall be implemented:
- (i) the scientific observer(s) on board each vessel shall collect the data required to complete the CCAMLR fine-scale catch and effort data form C1 for trawl fishing, form C2 for longline fishing, or form C5 for pot fishing, latest versions. These data shall be submitted to the CCAMLR Secretariat not later than one month after the vessel returns to port;
 - (ii) the catch of *Dissostichus eleginoides* and of all by-catch species must be reported;
 - (iii) the numbers of seabirds and marine mammals of each species caught and released or killed must be reported;
 - (iv) the scientific observer(s) on board each vessel shall collect data on the length composition from representative samples of *Dissostichus eleginoides* and by-catch species:
 - (a) length measurements shall be to the nearest centimetre below;
 - (b) representative samples of length composition shall be taken from each fine-scale grid rectangle (0.5° latitude by 1° longitude) fished in each calendar month;
 - (v) the above data shall be submitted to the CCAMLR Secretariat not later than one month after the vessel returns to port.