

CONSERVATION MEASURE 205/XIX
Exploratory Trawl Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. on Elan Bank
(Statistical Division 58.4.3) in the 2000/01 Season

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

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. by trawl on Elan Bank in Statistical Division 58.4.3 shall be limited to the exploratory fishery by Australian-flagged vessels. No more than one vessel shall fish at any one time.
2. Elan Bank is defined as waters within the latitudes 55°S and 62°S and longitudes 60°E and 73°30'E.
3. The total catch of *Dissostichus* spp. in the 2000/01 season taken by the trawl method shall not exceed 145 tonnes for Elan Bank.
4. Catch of *Dissostichus* spp. shall be further limited to 100 tonnes in any one fine-scale rectangle (0.5° latitude by 1° longitude).
5. (i) The by-catch in this exploratory fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 201/XIX.

(ii) If in the course of a directed fishery, the by-catch in any one haul of any by-catch species for which by-catch limitations apply, as set out in paragraph 5(i) of this conservation measure, is equal to, or greater than 2 tonnes, then the fishing vessel shall not fish using that method of fishing at any point within 5 n miles¹ of the location where the by-catch exceeded 2 tonnes for a period of at least five days². The location where the by-catch exceeded 2 tonnes 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.
6. For the purposes of this exploratory trawl fishery, the 2000/01 fishing season is defined as the period from 1 December 2000 to 30 November 2001 or until the catch limit of the target or by-catch species is reached, whichever is the sooner.
7. Each vessel participating in this exploratory trawl fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. on Elan Bank in Statistical Division 58.4.3 in the 2000/01 season shall have at least one scientific observer appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation on board throughout all fishing activities within these divisions.
8. Each vessel operating in this exploratory trawl fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. on Elan Bank in Statistical Division 58.4.3 shall be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.
9. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure:
 - (i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XIX shall apply; and
 - (ii) the monthly fine-scale biological data, as required under Conservation Measure 121/XIX, shall be recorded and reported in accordance with the System of International Scientific Observation when undertaking commercial fishing on Elan Bank in Statistical Division 58.4.3.
10. The total number and weight of *Dissostichus* spp. discarded, including those with the 'jellymeat' condition, shall be reported. These fish will count towards the total allowable catch.
11. The research and fisheries operations plan shall be as set out in Annex 200/A and 200/B of Conservation Measure 200/XIX (General Measures for Exploratory Fisheries for *Dissostichus* spp. in the Convention Area in the 2000/01 Season), with the following variations:

- (i) there shall be one small-scale research unit for Elan Bank, as defined in paragraph 2 above.
- (ii) data reporting measures specific to the longlining method shall not apply; and
- (iii) any vessel undertaking prospecting or commercial fishing in the small-scale research unit (SSRU) must undertake the research activities once 10 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. have been caught irrespective of the number of hauls.

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/XIX, pending the adoption of a more appropriate period by the Commission.