

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-05 (2007)
Limits on the exploratory fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Division 58.4.2 in the 2007/08 season

Species	toothfish
Area	58.4.2
Season	2007/08
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 | 1. Fishing for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Namibia, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine and Uruguay. The fishery shall be conducted by one (1) Australian, one (1) Japanese, five (5) Korean, two (2) Namibian, two (2) New Zealand, one (1) South African, one (1) Spanish, one (1) Ukrainian and one (1) Uruguayan flagged vessels using longlines only. |
| Catch limit | 2. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2, in the 2007/08 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 780 tonnes, of which no more than 260 tonnes shall be taken in any one of the five small-scale research units (SSRUs) as detailed in Annex B of Conservation Measure 41-01. |
| | 3. Catch limits for each of the SSRUs for Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be as follows: A – 260 tonnes; B – 0 tonnes; C – 260 tonnes; D – 0 tonnes; E – 260 tonnes. |
| Season | 4. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2, the 2007/08 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2007 to 30 November 2008. |
| Fishing operations | 5. The exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 41-01, except paragraph 6. |
| | 6. Fishing will be prohibited in depths less than 550 m in order to protect benthic communities. |
| By-catch | 7. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 33-03. |
| Mitigation | 8. The exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 25-02, except paragraph 4 (night setting) shall not apply, providing that vessels comply with Conservation Measure 24-02. |
| | 9. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately revert to night setting in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02. |

- Observers 10. 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 11. 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 B and Annex C respectively.
12. Toothfish shall be tagged at a rate of at least three fish per tonne green weight caught.
- Data: catch/effort 13. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2007/08 season, the following shall apply:
- (i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-01;
 - (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.
14. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 23-01 and 23-04, the target species is *Dissostichus* spp. and by-catch species are defined as any species other than *Dissostichus* spp.
- Data: biological 15. Fine-scale biological data, as required under Conservation Measure 23-05, shall be collected and recorded. Such data shall be reported in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation.
- Environ-mental protection 16. Conservation Measure 26-01 applies.