

CONSERVATION MEASURE 64/XII^{1, 2}
**The Application of Conservation Measures
to Scientific Research**

This Conservation Measure governs the application of conservation measures to scientific research and is adopted in accordance with Article IX of the Convention.

1. General application.
 - (a) Catches taken by any vessel for research purposes will be considered as part of any catch limits in force for each species taken, and shall be reported to CCAMLR as part of the annual STATLANT returns.
 - (b) The CCAMLR within season catch and effort reporting systems shall apply whenever the catch within a specified reporting period exceeds five tonnes, unless more specific regulations apply to the particular species.
2. Application to vessels taking less than 50 tonnes of catch for any purpose.
 - (a) Any Member planning to use a vessel for research purposes when the estimated catch is expected to be less than a total of 50 tonnes shall notify the Secretariat of the Commission which in turn will notify all Members immediately, according to the format provided in Annex 64/A. This notification shall be included in the Members' Activities Reports.
 - (b) Vessels to which the provisions of paragraph 2(a) above apply, shall be exempt from conservation measures relating to mesh size regulations, prohibition of types of gear, closed areas, fishing seasons and size limits, and reporting system requirements other than those specified in paragraphs 1(a) and (b) above.
3. Application to vessels taking more than 50 tonnes of finfish.
 - (a) Any Member planning to use any type of vessel to conduct fishing for research purposes when the estimated catch is expected to be more than 50 tonnes, shall notify the Commission and provide the opportunity for other Members to review and comment on its research plan. The plan shall be provided to the Secretariat for distribution to Members at least six months in advance of the planned starting date for the research. In the event of any request for a review of such plan being lodged within two months of its circulation, the Executive Secretary shall notify all Members and submit the plan to the Scientific Committee for review. Based on the submitted research plan and any advice provided by the appropriate Working Group, the Scientific Committee will provide advice to the Commission where the review process will be concluded. Until the review process is complete the planned fishing for research purposes shall not proceed.
 - (b) Research plans shall be reported in accordance with the standardised guidelines and formats adopted by the Scientific Committee, given in Annex 64/A.
 - (c) A summary of the results of any research subject to these provisions shall be provided to the Secretariat within 180 days of the completion of the research fishing. A full report shall be provided within 12 months.

(d) Catch and effort data resulting from the research fishing in accordance with paragraph (a) above, should be reported to the Secretariat according to the haul-by-haul reporting format for research vessels (C4).

¹ except for waters adjacent to the Kerguelen and Crozet Islands

² except for waters adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands

FORMATS FOR NOTIFICATION OF RESEARCH VESSEL ACTIVITY

Format 1

**NOTIFICATION OF RESEARCH VESSEL ACTIVITY WHEN THE
TOTAL CATCH IS EXPECTED TO BE LESS THAN 50 TONNES**

Name and registration number of vessel _____

Division and subarea in which research is to be carried out _____

Estimated dates of entering and leaving CCAMLR Convention Area _____

Purpose of research _____

Fishing equipment likely to be used:

- Bottom trawl _____
- Midwater trawl _____
- Longline _____
- Crab pots _____
- Other fishing gear (specify) _____

Format 2

**FORMAT FOR REPORTING PLANS FOR FINFISH SURVEYS
IN THE CONVENTION AREA WHEN THE TOTAL CATCH
IS EXPECTED TO BE MORE THAN 50 TONNES**

CCAMLR MEMBER _____

SURVEY DETAILS

A statement of the planned research objectives _____

Survey Area/Subarea/Division _____

Geographical Boundaries: Latitude from _____ to _____

Longitude from _____ to _____

Is a map of area surveyed (preferably including bathymetry and positions of sampling stations/hauls) appended to the format: _____

Proposed dates of survey: from _____ / _____ / _____ (Y/M/D)

to _____ / _____ / _____ (Y/M/D)

The name(s) and address of the chief scientist(s) responsible for planning and coordinating the research _____

Number of scientists _____ and crew _____ to be aboard the vessel.

Is there opportunity for inviting scientists from other Members: _____

If so, indicate a number of such scientists _____

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL

Name of vessel _____

Name and address of vessel owner _____

Vessel type (dedicated research or chartered commercial vessel) _____

Port of registration _____ Registration number _____

Radio call sign _____ Overall length _____ (m)

Tonnage _____

Equipment used for determining position _____

Fishing capacity (limited to scientific sampling activities only or commercial capacity) _____ (tonnes/day)

Fish processing capacity (if vessel type is commercial) _____ (tonnes/day)

Fish storage capacity (if vessel type is commercial) _____ (m³)

DESCRIPTION OF FISHING GEAR TO BE USED:

Trawl type (i.e. bottom, midwater): _____

Mesh shape (i.e. diamond, square) and mesh size in codend (mm) _____

Longline _____

Other sampling gear as plankton nets, CTD probes, water samplers, etc. (specify) _____

DESCRIPTION OF ACOUSTIC GEAR TO BE USED

Type _____ Frequency _____

SURVEY DESIGN AND METHODS OF DATA ANALYSES

Survey design (random, semi-random) _____

Target species _____

Stratification (if any) according to -

Depth zones (list) _____

Fish density (list) _____

Other (specify) _____

Duration of standard sampling stations/hauls (preferably 30 min) _____ (min)

Proposed number of hauls _____

Proposed sample size (total): _____(number)_____ (kg)

Proposed methods of survey data analyses
(i.e. swept area method, acoustic survey) _____

DATA TO BE COLLECTED

Haul-by-haul catch and effort data in accordance with CCAMLR Form C4 for reporting results of fishing for research purposes: _____

Fine-scale biological data in accordance with CCAMLR Forms B1, B2 and B3:

Other data (as applicable)
