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"2. For the purposes of this Convention, the term "conservation" includes rational use.

"3. Any harvesting and associated activities in the area to which this Convention applies shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Convention and with the following principles of conservation:

- (a) Prevention of decrease in the size of any harvested, populations to levels below those which ensure its stable recruitment. For this purpose its size should not be allowed to fall below a level close to that which ensures the greatest net annual increment;
- (b) Maintenance of the ecological relationships between harvested, dependent and related populations of Antarctic marine living resources, and the restoration of depleted populations to the levels defined in subparagraph (a);
and
- (c) Prevention of changes or minimization of the risk of changes in the marine ecosystem which are not potentially reversible over two or three decades, taking into account the state of available knowledge of the direct and indirect impact of harvesting, the effect of the introduction of alien species, the effects of directly associated marine processing activities on the marine ecosystem and of the effects of environmental changes, with the aim of making possible the sustained conservation of Antarctic marine living resources."