

CONSERVATION MEASURE 188/XVIII¹
Exploratory Longline Fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides*
in Statistical Division 58.4.4 in the 1999/2000 Season

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

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Division 58.4.4 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Chile, the European Community, France, South Africa and Uruguay. The fishery shall be conducted by European Community (Portuguese-flagged), Chilean, French, South African and Uruguayan-flagged vessels using longlining only.

2. The precautionary catch for Statistical Division 58.4.4 shall be limited to 370 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. north of 60°S, to be taken by longlining. In the event that this limit is reached, the fishery shall be closed.
3. For the purpose of this exploratory longline fishery, the 1999/2000 fishing season is defined as the period from 1 May to 31 August 2000.
4. The exploratory longline fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measures 29/XVI and 182/XVIII.
5. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery will be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.

¹ Except for waters adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands