

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-05 (2002)
Limits on the Exploratory Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Division 58.4.2 in the 2002/03 Season

Species	toothfish
Area	58.4.2
Season	2002/03
Gear	longline

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 21-02:

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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. The fishery shall be conducted by one Australian flagged vessel using longlines only. |
| Catch limit | 2. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2 in the 2002/03 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 500 tonnes, of which no more 100 tonnes shall be taken in any one of the five small-scale research units (SSRUs) bounded by longitudes 30°E to 40°E, 40°E to 50°E, 50°E to 60°E, 60°E to 70°E and 70°E to 80°E. |
| Season | 3. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2, the 2002/03 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2002 to 30 November 2003. |
| Fishing operations | 4. The exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Division 58.4.2 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 41-01, except paragraph 7.

In addition, fishing will be prohibited in depths less than 550 m in order to protect benthic communities. As a further protection for benthic habitats, either the eastern or western half (5° of longitude) of each SSRU in which fishing takes place can be defined as ‘open’ at the discretion of the vessel’s master. The other half of the SSRU shall remain closed to fishing. |
| By-catch | 5. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 33-03. |
| Mitigation | 6. 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 3 (night setting) shall not apply. Prior to licensing, each vessel shall demonstrate its capacity to comply with experimental line-weighting trials as approved by the Scientific Committee and described in Conservation Measure 24-02 and such data shall be reported to the Secretariat immediately.

7. In Statistical Division 58.4.2, longlines may be set during daylight hours only if the vessel demonstrates a consistent minimum line sink rate of 0.3 m/s in accordance with Conservation Measure 24-02]. Should a total of three (3) seabirds be caught, the vessel shall immediately revert to night setting in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02. |

8. There shall be no offal discharge in this fishery.
- Observers 9. 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 10. Each vessel participating in this exploratory fishery shall conduct fishery-based research in accordance with the research plan described in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex B.
- Data:
catch/effort 11. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2002/03 season, the following shall apply:
 - (i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-01; and
 - (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.
12. 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 13. 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 Scheme of International Scientific Observation.