CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-07 (2012) Limits on the exploratory fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. on BANZARE Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3b) outside areas of national jurisdiction in the 2012/13 season

Species	toothfish
Area	58.4.3b
Season	2012/13
Gear	longline

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

Access

- 1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. on BANZARE Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3b) outside areas of national jurisdiction shall be limited to the exploratory fishery by Japan. The fishery shall be conducted by one (1) Japanese flagged vessel using longlines only.
- Catch limit 2. The total catch of *Dissostichus* spp. on BANZARE Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3b) outside areas of national jurisdiction in the 2012/13 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 0 tonnes applied as follows:

SSRU A - 0 tonnes

SSRUB - 0 tonnes

SSRU C - 0 tonnes

SSRUD - 0 tonnes

SSRU E - 0 tonnes.

Season

- 3. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. on BANZARE Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3b) outside areas of national jurisdiction, the 2012/13 season is defined as the period from 1 May to 31 August 2013, or until the catch limit is reached, whichever is sooner.
- By-catch 4. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 33-03.
- Mitigation
- 5. The operation of this fishery shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02 so as to minimise the incidental mortality of seabirds in the course of fishing.
- 6. The fishery on BANZARE Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3b) outside areas of national jurisdiction, may take place outside the prescribed season (paragraph 3) provided that, prior to entry into force of the licence, 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. Should a total of three (3) seabirds be caught by a vessel outside the normal season (defined in paragraph 3), the vessel shall cease fishing immediately and shall not be permitted to fish outside the normal fishing season for the remainder of the 2012/13 fishing season.

Observers

8. Each vessel participating in this fishery shall have at least one scientific observer appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation and, where possible, one additional scientific observer, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

Data: catch/effort

- 9. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2012/13 season, the following shall apply:
 - (i) the Daily Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-07;
 - (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.
- 10. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 23-07 and 23-04, the target species is *Dissostichus* spp. and 'by-catch species' are defined as any species other than *Dissostichus* spp.

Data: biological

11. 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.

Research

- 12. 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.
- 13. Research shall be conducted in accordance with Conservation Measure 24-01.
- 14. Toothfish shall be tagged at a rate of at least five fish per tonne green weight caught.

Environmental

protection

15. Conservation Measure 26-01 applies.

16. Conservation Measures 22-06, 22-07 and 22-08 apply.