

CONSERVATION MEASURE 91-03 (2009)
Protection of the South Orkney Islands southern shelf

Species	all
Area	48.2
Season	all

The Commission,

Recalling its endorsement of the work program of the Scientific Committee to develop a representative network of marine protected areas, based on scientific information and with the aim of conserving marine biodiversity (CCAMLR-XXVII, paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3),

Noting the results of analyses undertaken by the Scientific Committee to identify areas of conservation importance within Subarea 48.2, which have identified the area to the south of the South Orkney Islands as being of high conservation importance, and representative of key environmental and ecosystem characteristics in the region,

Conscious of the need to afford additional protection to this important area in order to provide a scientific reference area, and to conserve important predator foraging areas and representative examples of pelagic and benthic bioregions,

hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Article II and Article IX of the Convention:

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1. The area defined in Annex 91-03/A (the 'defined area') shall be designated as a marine protected area, to contribute towards the conservation of marine biodiversity in Subarea 48.2, and managed under this conservation measure.
2. All types of fishing activities shall be prohibited within the defined area, with the exception of scientific fishing research activities agreed by the Commission for monitoring or other purposes on advice from the Scientific Committee and in accordance with Conservation Measure 24-01.
3. No discharges and no dumping of any type of waste by any fishing vessel¹ shall take place within the defined area.
4. No transshipment activities that involve any fishing vessel shall take place within the defined area.
5. For the purpose of monitoring traffic within the protected area, fishing vessels transiting the area are encouraged to inform the CCAMLR Secretariat of their intended transit prior to entering the defined area, providing details of their Flag State, size, IMO number and intended course.
6. In the case of an emergency relating to safety of life at sea, the prohibitions in this conservation measure shall not apply.
7. In accordance with Article X, the Commission shall draw this conservation measure to the attention of any State that is not a Party to the Convention, whose nationals or vessels are present in the Convention Area.

8. Details of the South Orkney Islands southern shelf marine protected area shall be communicated to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting.
9. This conservation measure will be reviewed by the Commission, based on advice from the Scientific Committee, at its regular meeting in 2014 and at subsequent five-year periods.

¹ For the purposes of this conservation measure ‘fishing vessel’ means any vessel of any size used for, equipped to be used for, or intended for use for the purposes of fishing or fishing-related activities, including support ships, fish processing vessels, vessels engaged in transshipment and carrier vessels equipped for the transportation of fishery products except container vessels and excluding Members’ marine science research vessels.

ANNEX 91-03/A

BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS SOUTHERN SHELF MARINE PROTECTED AREA

The South Orkney Islands southern shelf marine protected area is bounded by a line starting at 61°30'S 41°W, thence due west to 44°W longitude, thence due south to 62°S, thence due west to 46°W, thence due north to 61°30'S, thence due west to 48°W longitude, thence due south to 64°S latitude, thence due east to 41°W longitude, thence due north to the starting point (Figure 1).

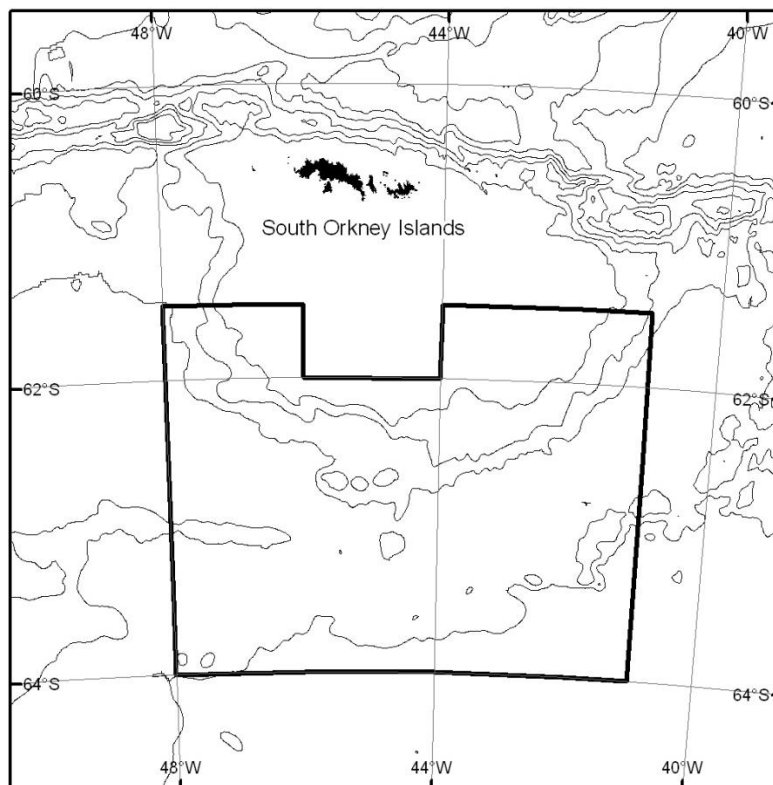


Figure 1: The boundary of the South Orkney Islands southern shelf marine protected area is shown as a heavy black line. Depth contours are at 1 000 m intervals.