

**CONSERVATION MEASURE 112/XV**  
**General Measures for New Fisheries for *Dissostichus* spp.**  
**in the Convention Area for the 1996/97 Season**

The Commission,

Noting the need for the distribution of fishing effort and appropriate catch levels in fine-scale rectangles in these new fisheries,

adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 31/X:

1. Fishing should take place over as large a geographical and bathymetric range as possible to obtain the information necessary to determine fishery potential and to avoid over-concentration of catch and effort. To this end, fishing in any fine-scale rectangle<sup>1</sup> shall cease when the reported catch reaches 100 tonnes and that rectangle shall be closed to fishing for the remainder of the season. Fishing in any fine-scale rectangle shall be restricted to one vessel at any one time.
2. In order to give effect to paragraph 1 above:
  - (i) the precise geographic position of the mid-point between the start and end of the haul/line shall be determined using appropriate means;
  - (ii) catch and effort information for each species by fine-scale rectangle shall be reported to the Executive Secretary every five days using the Five-Day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XII; and
  - (iii) the Secretariat shall notify Contracting Parties participating in these fisheries when the total catch for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* combined in any fine-scale rectangle exceeds 100 tonnes.
3. Any new fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in the 1996/97 season shall be deemed to have demonstrated commercial potential if catches in the Statistical Subarea or Divisions concerned reach 1 980 tonnes. In this event, the fishery shall be closed and the provisions of Conservation Measure 65/XII shall apply.
4. The by-catch of any species in the new fisheries for *Dissostichus* spp. other than *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in the Statistical Subareas and Divisions concerned shall not exceed 50 tonnes.
- 5<sup>2</sup>. Each vessel participating in the new fisheries for *Dissostichus* spp. during the 1996/97 season shall have on board at least one scientific observer, appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, throughout all fishing activities within the fishing season.
6. The total number and weight of *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* discarded, including those with the 'jellymeat' condition, shall be reported.
7. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure the Monthly Fine-scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 117/XV shall apply in the 1996/97 season.

8. Monthly effort and biological data shall be reported in accordance with Conservation Measure 40/X. By-catch species are defined as any cephalopod, crustacean or fish species other than *Dissostichus* spp.

- <sup>1</sup> A fine-scale rectangle is defined as an area of 0.5° latitude by 1° longitude with respect to the northwest corner of the Statistical Subarea or Division. The identification of each rectangle is by the latitude of its northernmost boundary and the longitude of the boundary closest to 0°.
- <sup>2</sup> In respect of this provision, South Africa reserves its right to carry only national observers in the waters adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands.