

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-05 (2012)
Limits on the exploratory fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Division 58.4.2 in the 2012/13 season

Species	toothfish
Area	58.4.2
Season	2012/13
Gear	longline

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 21-02, and notes that this measure would be for one year and that data arising from these activities would be reviewed by the Scientific Committee:

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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 Japan and Spain. The fishery shall be conducted by one (1) Japanese, and one (1) Spanish flagged vessels using longlines only. |
| Catch limit ¹ | 2. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2 in the 2012/13 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 70 tonnes applied as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSRU A – 30 tonnes² SSRU B – 0 tonnes SSRU C – 0 tonnes SSRU D – 0 tonnes SSRU E – 70 tonnes. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Catches taken by fishing vessels undertaking research according to Conservation Measure 24-01 shall be included as part of the precautionary catch limit.</p> |
| Season | 3. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2, the 2012/13 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2012 to 30 November 2013. |
| Fishing operations | 4. 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 41-01, except paragraph 6. |
| 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 5 (night setting) shall not apply, providing that vessels comply with Conservation Measure 24-02. |
| | 7. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately revert to night setting in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02. |

Area 8. The exploratory fishery in 2012/13 shall, subject to the conditions in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex 41-01/B, take place in the research block bounded by the following coordinates:

SSRU E	Coordinates	
	66°00'S	70°00'E
	67°30'S	70°00'E
	67°30'S	76°00'E
	66°00'S	76°00'E

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 and Tagging Program described in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex B and Annex C respectively.

11. Toothfish shall be tagged at a rate of at least five fish per tonne green weight caught.

Data: catch/effort 12. 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;

(iii) fishing vessels undertaking research in accordance with Conservation Measure 24-01 shall report data in accordance with the requirements (i) and (ii) above.

13. 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 14. 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.

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15. Conservation Measure 26-01 applies.
16. Conservation Measures 22-06, 22-07 and 22-08 apply.

¹ In SSRUs B, C and D, scientific research may be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 24-01.

² The notional catch limit for SSRU A is 30 tonnes for 2012/13 but the Commission agreed that no fishing would take place in this SSRU in 2012/13.