

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-06 (2015)
Limits on the exploratory fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
on Elan Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3a) outside areas
of national jurisdiction in the 2015/16 season

Species	toothfish
Area	58.4.3a
Season	2015/16
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. on Elan Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3a) outside areas of national jurisdiction shall be limited to the exploratory fishery by France and Japan. The fishery shall be conducted by one (1) French and one (1) Japanese flagged vessel using longlines only. |
| | 2. This fishery shall be subject to the conditions in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex 41-01/B. The area open to fishing is defined by the research block in Annex 41-06/A. |
| Catch limit | 3. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. on Elan Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3a) outside areas of national jurisdiction in the 2015/16 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 32 tonnes applied as follows:

Research block 58.4.3a_1 – 32 tonnes. |
| Season | 4. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. on Elan Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3a) outside areas of national jurisdiction, the 2015/16 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016, or until the catch limit is reached, whichever is sooner. |
| By-catch | 5. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 33-03. |
| Mitigation | 6. 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.

7. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately change to night setting only (i.e. setting only during the hours of darkness between the times of nautical twilight ¹) ² . |
| 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 2015/16 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 41-01/B and Annex 41-01/C respectively.
13. Toothfish shall be tagged at a rate of at least five fish per tonne green weight caught.
- Environmental protection 14. Conservation Measure 26-01 applies.
15. Conservation Measures 22-06, 22-07 and 22-08 apply.
- ¹ The exact times of nautical twilight are set forth in the Nautical Almanac tables for the relevant latitude, local time and date. A copy of the algorithm for calculating these times is available from the CCAMLR Secretariat. All times, whether for ship operations or observer reporting, shall be referenced to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).
- ² Wherever possible, when night setting, setting of lines should be completed at least three hours before sunrise (to reduce loss of bait to/catches of white-chinned petrels).

ANNEX 41-06/A

RESEARCH BLOCKS

Research block 58.4.3a_1 coordinates

56°00'S	65°00'E
57°30'S	65°00'E
57°30'S	73°00'E
56°00'S	73°00'E.