

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-04 (2008)
Limits on the exploratory fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Subarea 48.6 in the 2008/09 season

Species	toothfish
Area	48.6
Season	2008/09
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. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Japan and the Republic of Korea. The fishery shall be conducted by Japanese and Korean flagged vessels using longlines only. No more than one vessel per country shall fish at any one time. |
| Catch limit | 2. Fishing is prohibited in depths shallower than 550 m in order to protect benthic communities.
3. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 in the 2008/09 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 200 tonnes north of 60°S and 200 tonnes south of 60°S. |
| Season | 4. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6, the 2008/09 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2008 to 30 November 2009. |
| 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 Subarea 48.6 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 25-02, except paragraph 5 (night setting), which shall not apply as long as the requirements of Conservation Measure 24-02 are met ¹ .
7. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately revert to night setting in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02. |
| Observers | 8. 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. |
| Data:
catch/effort | 9. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2008/09 season, the following shall apply:

(i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-01;

(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 23-01 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. Toothfish shall be tagged at a rate of at least three fish per tonne green weight caught.
14. Skates shall be tagged at a rate of at least one skate per five skates caught, up to a maximum of 500 skates per vessel.
- Environ-
mental
protection 15. Conservation Measure 26-01 applies.
16. There shall be no offal discharge in this fishery.
17. Conservation Measures 22-06 and 22-07 apply.

¹ The Japanese-flagged vessel *Shinsei Maru No. 3* is exempted from the requirement to conduct longline sink rate tests outside the Convention Area when fishing at the end of the 2007/08 season and into the 2008/09 season, provided that the vessel conducted regular longline sink rate testing in 2007/08.