

12. Each vessel participating in this exploratory fishery shall conduct

fishery-based research in accordance with the data requirements described in Annex 52-01/A and the experimental harvest regime described in Conservation Measure 52-02. Data collected for the period up to 31 August 2004 shall be reported to CCAMLR by 30 September 2004 so that the data will be available to the meeting of the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment in 2004. Such data collected after 31 August shall be reported to CCAMLR not later than three months after the closure of the fishery.

ANNEX 52-01/A

DATA REQUIREMENTS ON THE CRAB FISHERY IN STATISTICAL SUBAREA 48.3

Catch and Effort Data:

Cruise Descriptions

cruise code, vessel code, permit number, year.

Pot Descriptions

diagrams and other information, including pot shape, dimensions, mesh size, funnel

position, aperture and orientation, number of chambers, presence of an escape port.

Effort Descriptions

date, time, latitude and longitude of the start of the set, compass bearing of the set, total number of pots set, spacing of pots on the line, number of pots lost, depth, soak time, bait type.

Catch Descriptions

retained catch in numbers and weight, by-catch of all species (see Table 1), incremental record number for linking with sample information.

Biological Data:

For these data, crabs are to be sampled from the line hauled just prior to noon, by collecting the entire contents of a number of pots spaced at intervals along the line so that between 35 and 50 specimens are represented in the subsample.

Cruise Descriptions

cruise code, vessel code, permit number.

Sample Descriptions

date, position at start of the set, compass bearing of the set, line number.

Data

species, sex, length of at least 35 individuals, presence/absence of rhizocephalan parasites, record of the destination of the crab (kept, discarded, destroyed), record of the pot number from which the crab comes.

CONSERVATION MEASURE 52-02 (2003)

Experimental Harvest Regime for the Crab Fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 2003/04 Season

The following measures apply to all crab fishing within Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 2003/04 fishing season. Every vessel participating in the crab fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall conduct fishing operations in accordance with an experimental harvest regime as outlined below:

1. Vessels shall conduct the experimental harvest regime in the 2003/04 season at the start of their first season of participation in the crab fishery and the following conditions shall apply:

(i) every vessel when undertaking an experimental harvesting regime shall expend its first 200 000 pot hours of effort within a total area delineated by twelve blocks of 0.5° latitude by 1.0° longitude. For the purposes of this conservation measure, these blocks shall be numbered A to L. In Annex 52-02/A, the blocks are illustrated (Figure 1), and the geographic position is denoted by the coordinates of the northeast corner of the block. For each string, pot hours shall be calculated by taking the total number of pots on the string and multiplying that number by the soak time (in hours) for that string. Soak time shall be defined for each string as the time between start of setting and start of hauling;

(ii) vessels shall not fish outside the area delineated by the 0.5° latitude by 1.0° longitude blocks prior to completing the experimental harvesting regime;

(iii) vessels shall not expend more than 30 000 pot hours in any single block of 0.5° latitude by 1.0° longitude;

(iv) if a vessel returns to port before it has expended 200 000 pot hours in the experimental harvesting regime the remaining pot hours shall be expended before it can be considered that the vessel has completed the experimental harvesting regime;

(v) after completing 200 000 pot hours of experimental fishing, it shall be considered that vessels have completed the experimental harvesting regime and they shall be permitted to commence fishing in a normal fashion.

2. Data collected during the experimental harvest regime up to 30 June 2004 shall be submitted to CCAMLR by 31 August 2004.

3. Normal fishing operations shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations set out in Conservation Measure 52-01.

4. For the purposes of implementing normal fishing operations after completion of the experimental harvest regime, the Ten-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-02 shall apply.

5. Vessels that complete experimental harvest regime shall not be required to conduct experimental fishing in future seasons. However, these vessels shall abide by the guidelines set forth in Conservation Measure 52-01.

6. Fishing vessels shall participate in the experimental harvest regime independently (i.e. vessels may not cooperate to complete phases of the experiment).

7. Crabs taken by any vessel for research purposes will be considered as part of any catch limits in force for each species taken, and shall be reported to CCAMLR as part of the annual STATLANT returns.

8. All vessels participating in the experimental harvest regime shall carry at least one scientific observer on board during all fishing activities.

CONSERVATION MEASURE 61-01 (2003)

*Limits on the Exploratory Fishery for *Martialia hyadesi* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 2003/04 Season*

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measures 21-02 and 31-01:

Access 1. Fishing for *Martialia hyadesi* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall be limited to the exploratory jig fishery by notifying countries. The fishery shall be conducted by vessels using jigs only.

Catch limit 2. The total catch of *Martialia hyadesi* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 2003/04 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 2 500 tons.

Season 3. For the purpose of the exploratory jig fishery for *Martialia hyadesi* in Statistical Subarea 48.3, the 2003/04 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2003 to 30 November 2004, or until the catch limit is reached, whichever is sooner.

Observers 4. 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

5. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2003/04 season, the following shall apply: