

CONSERVATION MEASURE 168/XVII^{1,2}
Exploratory Longline Fisheries for *Dissostichus eleginoides*
in Statistical Subarea 58.6 in the 1998/99 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 65/XII:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Subarea 58.6 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fisheries by France and South Africa. The fisheries shall be conducted by French and South African flagged vessels using longlining only.
2. The precautionary catch limit for these exploratory fisheries in Statistical Subarea 58.6 shall be limited to 1 555 tonnes of *Dissostichus eleginoides*, to be taken by longlining. In the event that this limit is reached, the fisheries shall be closed.
3. For the purpose of these exploratory longline fisheries, the 1998/99 fishing season is defined as the period from 15 April to 31 August 1999.
4. The exploratory longline fisheries for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measures 29/XVI and 133/XVI.
5. Each vessel participating in these exploratory longline fisheries will be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.

¹ Except for waters adjacent to the Crozet Islands

² Except for waters adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands