

CONSERVATION MEASURE 184/XVIII
Exploratory Longline Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Subarea 48.6 in the 1999/2000 Season

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

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by the European Community and South Africa. The fishery shall be conducted by European Community (Portuguese-flagged) and South African-flagged vessels using longlining only.
2. The precautionary catch limit for this exploratory longline fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.6 shall be limited to 455 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. north of 60°S, and 455 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. south of 60°S. In the event that either limit is reached, the relevant fishery shall be closed.
3. For the purpose of this exploratory longline fishery, the 1999/2000 fishing season to the north of 60°S is defined as the period from 1 March to 31 August 2000. The 1999/2000 fishing season south of 60°S is defined as the period from 15 February to 15 October 2000.
4. The exploratory longline fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measures 29/XVI and 182/XVIII.
5. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery will be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.