

RESOLUTION 12/XVI
Automated Satellite-Linked Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMSs)¹

The Commission,

Noting the extreme concern over high levels of illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and other marine living resources,

considers that:

1. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3, Members shall endeavour, by the end of the Commission meeting in 1998, to establish an automated vessel monitoring system (VMS) to monitor the position of its flag vessels licensed or permitted in accordance with Conservation Measure 119/XVI to harvest *Dissostichus* spp. or other marine living resources in the Convention Area for which catch limits, fishing seasons or area restrictions have been set by Conservation Measures adopted by the Commission.
2. Any Member not in a position to establish a VMS by the date specified in paragraph 1 shall so inform the CCAMLR Secretariat in advance of the 1998 annual meeting and, if possible, notify its intended alternative timetable for the implementation of a VMS.
3. The implementation of VMS on vessels while participating in the krill fishery is not currently necessary.
4. Once its VMS is established, each Member should monitor the position of its flag vessels licensed or permitted in accordance with Conservation Measure 119/XVI. Should the VMS cease to transmit, the Member should take immediate steps to ensure that the transmission is swiftly restored.
5. Members should report to the Secretariat before the start of the annual meeting of the Commission on:
 - (i) any VMS in operation, including its technical details; and
 - (ii) in accordance with paragraph XI of the System of Inspection, all cases where they have determined with the assistance of VMS that vessels of their flag had fished in the Convention Area in possible contravention of CCAMLR Conservation Measures.

¹ For this purpose, VMS means a system where, *inter alia*:

- (i) information collected shall include the vessel identifier, location, date and time, which shall be collected with a required frequency to ensure that the Member can effectively monitor its vessel; and
- (ii) performance standards shall, at a minimum, include a system that:
 - (a) is tamper proof;
 - (b) is fully automatic and operational at all times regardless of environment conditions;
 - (c) provides real time data; and
 - (d) provides latitude and longitude with a position accuracy of 500 m or better, with the format to be determined by the Flag State.