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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
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proposed bottom fishing activities on vulnerable marine ecosystems**

Contracting Parties proposing to participate in bottom fisheries identified in Conservation Measure 22-06 (paragraph 1) are reminded that they must submit to the Scientific Committee and the Commission information and a preliminary assessment, where possible, of the known and anticipated impacts of proposed bottom fishing activities on vulnerable marine ecosystems, including benthos and benthic communities (CM 22-06, paragraph 7).

Information, preliminary assessments and related mitigation measures must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 27 July 2008 for fishing activities proposed in 2008/09.

To assist Members in this task, the Secretariat is undertaking a preliminary analysis of by-catch data from exploratory longline fisheries (CCAMLR-XXVI, paragraph 13.45). A report on this preliminary analysis will be circulated to Members by the end of May. The database of aggregated data used in that analysis will also be available to Members, on request and subject to the 'Rules for access and use of CCAMLR data'.

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