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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
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The Australian Antarctic Division has lost an acoustic mooring in Division 58.4.1 (see attached letter and photograph). The mooring was deployed in approximately 1 000 m of water to the north of Dumont d'Urville in January 2008, in an area where fishing occurred.

Assistance is sought from Members to help determine the fate of the mooring.

Dr D.G.M. Miller
Executive Secretary

Attch.



Australian Government

**Department of the Environment,
Water, Heritage and the Arts**
Australian Antarctic Division

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Dear Dr Miller

On 19 January 2008, the Australian Antarctic Division deployed an acoustic mooring in approximately 1000m of water to the north of Dumont d'Urville at 65 35.2'S 139 59.5'E.

On behalf of the Australian Antarctic Division, the French Antarctic program sought to recover the mooring in January this year, however there was no sign of the instrument in the area of deployment. At the time of deployment, and at the time of the attempted retrieval, fishing buoys were sighted less than 1km away from the location above.

I would be grateful if you could pass this letter to the Member States who had vessels licensed to fish in Statistical Division 58.4.1 in the 2007/08 and 2008/09 seasons seeking their advice as to whether any of their fishing vessels may have somehow picked up the acoustic mooring. I have attached a photo of the mooring.

Your assistance with this issue is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Gillian Slocum'.

Gillian Slocum
Senior Policy Advisor

2, April 2009

