

## EU proposal on fishing capacity and effort in CCAMLR exploratory fisheries

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The EU has requested that the attached letter and discussion document be circulated to Members. The EU kindly requests Members to provide comments on the document by 1 May 2012.

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**Subject: EU proposal on fishing capacity and effort in CCAMLR exploratory fisheries – request for comments from CCAMLR Members.**

Dear Secretary,

At the last Annual Meeting of CCAMLR, the Commission considered EU proposal on fishing capacity and effort in CCAMLR exploratory fisheries (CCAMLR XXX/38). The proposal included an analysis of the possible impacts on the fisheries from overcapacity of effort, and recommended that the Commission consider instruments and mechanisms to ensure that deployed fishing capacity is commensurate with the resources and the recommendations of the Performance Review.

The discussions on this document were fruitful as the Commission "agreed on the need for a discussion on capacity management and called for restraint in exploratory fisheries while this issue was being developed in order to avoid further exacerbating the problems of overcapacity" (paragraph 12.53 of the Commission meeting report).

The EU encouraged Members to provide written comments on this proposal during the intersessional period in order to further refine it and provide a sound basis for the Commission's consideration in 2012.

I would like to take this opportunity to renew our request and kindly ask Members to provide comments on this document (attached here in word file) to the EU ([aleksandra.kordecka@ec.europa.eu](mailto:aleksandra.kordecka@ec.europa.eu)) by 1 May 2012.

I would be grateful if you could have this letter distributed to CCAMLR Members and Contracting Parties.

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