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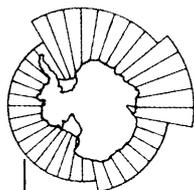
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Members intending to develop a new or exploratory fishery in 2002/03 are reminded that they must submit a notification to the Secretariat by 21 July 2002, three months prior to CCAMLR-XXI. Guidelines for notifications are outlined in Conservation Measures 31/X (New Fishery) and 65/XII (Exploratory Fishery).

Each notification should include a research and fisheries operation plan outlining:

- (i) the nature of the fishery, including target species, methods of fishing, proposed region and maximum catch levels proposed for the forthcoming season;
- (ii) biological information from comprehensive research/survey cruises, such as distribution, abundance, demographic data, and information on stock identity;
- (iii) details of dependent and related species and the likelihood of them being affected by the proposed fishery; and
- (iv) information from other fisheries in the region or similar fisheries elsewhere that may assist in the evaluation of potential yield.

Notifications for exploratory fisheries for *Dissostichus* spp. should also address the general measures of Conservation Measure 227/XX, including the Data Collection Plan and Research Plan (Annex 227/A).

In addition, please note that the Commission agreed that in view of the high level of IUU fishing in many parts of the Convention Area, it was unrealistic to regard fisheries for *Dissostichus* spp. as being 'new' (CCAMLR-XVIII, paragraph 7.15). All notifications for *Dissostichus* spp. fisheries in 2002/03 should be considered as being for exploratory fisheries. The Commission also agreed that a fundamental element in the development of a management approach for *Dissostichus* spp. fisheries should be to carry out fisheries-independent surveys to estimate the recruitment of young *Dissostichus* spp. in the areas subject to notification.

Members are also requested to complete a one-page summary of each notification for positing on the CCAMLR website. The topics to be addressed in the summary are listed in the attachment. Please refer to earlier notifications (e.g. 2001/02) for examples of the type of information required.

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Dr D.G.M. Miller
Executive Secretary

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SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATION FOR A NEW OR EXPLORATORY FISHERY

(Members are requested to provide key information for each topic listed)

Topic	Summary of Information
Member country Type of fishery and gear Fishing area Target species Fishing season Number and name of vessels involved with this notification Intended catch of target species Fisheries Operation Plan Data Collection Plan Research Plan Effect on dependent species Data reporting Observer coverage VMS	