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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION  
AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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Members intending to participate in a new or exploratory fishery in 2009/10 are reminded that they are required to notify the Secretariat via email ([data@ccamlr.org](mailto:data@ccamlr.org)) no later than 26 July 2009, three months prior to the Commission meeting. General guidelines for notifications are provided in Conservation Measures 21-01 (New Fishery) and 21-02 (Exploratory Fishery). A notification is required from each Member for each new or exploratory fishery targeting a single species group in a subarea or division (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.12).

Members are required to provide the following information for each notification: a letter from the Member endorsing the notification and signed by the Commission Representative; the completed notification form (three parts) and supporting documentation. The notification form is attached.

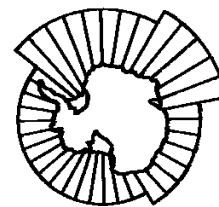
Each notification must be accompanied, or followed within one month, by a payment of A\$8 000 in respect of each vessel intending to pursue each fishery (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.12). Information on notification payments is provided in the notification form.

The deadlines for the submission of notifications and their payments, and the schedule of work for the Secretariat are also attached. The Secretariat will confirm receipt of all notifications and payments.

Members proposing to participate in bottom fisheries identified in Conservation Measure 22-06 (paragraphs 1 and 2) are also reminded that they must submit information and a preliminary assessment based on the proforma in Annex 22-06/A (attached), where possible, along with a one-page summary, of the known and anticipated impacts of proposed bottom fishing activities on vulnerable marine ecosystems. The one-page summaries will be translated and submitted to the Commission as a working document.

Dr D.G.M. Miller  
Executive Secretary

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## NOTIFICATION FORM

### NOTIFICATION OF A MEMBER'S INTENTION TO FISH IN THE CCAMLR CONVENTION AREA

#### GUIDELINES

Members intending to participate in a new or exploratory fishery are required to notify the Secretariat no later than three months prior to the Commission's annual meetings. General guidelines for notifications are provided in Conservation Measures 21-01 (New Fishery) and 21-02 (Exploratory Fishery). A notification is required from each Member for each new or exploratory fishery targeting a single species group in a subarea or division (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.12).

Members are required to provide the following information for each notification:

- A letter from the Member endorsing the notification(s) and signed by the Commission Representative;
- Part 1 – (Summary Page) and Part 2 – (Fishery Information), together with any supporting documentation for each fishery.
- Part 3 – (Vessel Information), including photographs, for each vessel.
- Members proposing to participate in bottom fisheries identified in Conservation Measure 22-06 (paragraphs 1 and 2) must submit information and a preliminary assessment, (see proforma) along with a one page summary.

The notification proforma is enclosed in the following pages. This standard form was agreed by the Commission (CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 11.40).

Members should follow the procedure in Conservation Measure 24-01 if they wish to develop a fishery in a subarea or division closed by a conservation measure in force. This procedure requires that a research plan be submitted to the Secretariat at least six months in advance of the notified start of fishing (CCAMLR-XXII, paragraph 9.12).

Each notification must be accompanied, or followed within one month, by a payment of A\$8 000 in respect of each vessel intending to pursue the each fishery (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.12). Information on notification payments is provided in Attachment A.

Each notification must address the requirements of conservation measures in force, where these apply, including requirements for notifications (CM 21-01, 21-02), mitigation measures (CM 24-02, 25-01, 25-02) and fishery-based research (CM 41-01, 51-04, 52-02, 52-03, 61-01).

Each notification must also address the requirements of Conservation Measure 10-02 with respect to information on vessels and their owners and operators.

The Secretariat will issue an annual Commission Circular to advise Members of the deadlines for the submission and payments of notifications for the forthcoming season.

The Secretariat will confirm all notifications and payments received.

Please submit all notification and payment details to the CCAMLR Secretariat by email ([data@ccamlr.org](mailto:data@ccamlr.org))

## PART 1 – SUMMARY

Member

Fishing season

Type of fishery and gear

Target species

Fishing area

Names of fishing vessels and  
companies involved

Total notification payment due (A\$)  
(A\$8 000 per vessel per fishery)

In this notification, the Member and its flagged vessel(s) agree to: *[please tick]*      *Yes*      *No*

Comply fully with measures specified in Conservation Measures 22-06 and 22-07 (as applicable to the relevant subarea or division) with respect to bottom fishing and the prevention of significant adverse impact on vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs).

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Comply with the requirements of Conservation Measure 25-02 in order to minimise seabird by-catch.

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Comply fully with measures specified in Conservation Measure 24-02 if an exemption is sought from setting longlines at night, or fish outside specified fishing seasons (if applicable).

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Comply fully with measures specified in Conservation Measures 41-04, 41-05, 41-06, 41-07, 41-09, 41-10, 41-11 (toothfish fisheries), 52-05 (krill fisheries), 52-02, 52-03 (crab fisheries) and 61-01 (squid fisheries) (as applicable to the relevant subarea or division) if specified seabird by-catch levels are reached when fishing during daytime setting and/or fishing outside normal fishing seasons.

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Comply with scientific observer requirements specified in Conservation Measures 41-04, 41-05, 41-06, 41-07, 41-09, 41-10, 41-11 (toothfish fisheries), 52-05 (krill fisheries), 52-02, 52-03 (crab fisheries) and 61-01 (squid fisheries) (as applicable to the relevant subarea or division) .

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## **PART 2 – FISHERY INFORMATION**

Each notification must address the requirements of conservation measures in force, where these apply.

### **Conservation Measure 21-01 (New Fishery)**

- (i) Nature of the proposed fishery  
Target species  
Method of fishing  
Subarea or division where fishing would occur  
Minimum level of catch required to develop a viable fishery
- (ii) Biological information from comprehensive research/survey cruises, such as distribution, abundance, demographic data, and information on stock identity
- (iii) Details of dependent and associated species and the likelihood of them being affected by the proposed fishery
- (iv) Information from other fisheries in the region or similar fisheries elsewhere that may assist in the valuation of the potential yield
- (v) If the proposed fishery will be undertaken using bottom trawl gear, information on the known and anticipated impacts of this gear on vulnerable marine ecosystems, including benthos and benthic communities.
- (vi) Provide a commitment, in its proposal, to implement any Data Collection Plan developed by the Scientific Committee for the fishery.

### **Conservation Measure 21-02 (Exploratory Fishery)**

#### **Fishery Operations Plan**

- (i) Nature of the exploratory fishery  
Target species  
Methods of fishing  
Subarea or division where fishing would occur  
Maximum catch levels proposed for the forthcoming season
- (ii) Biological information on the target species 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 their being affected by the proposed fishery
- (iv) Information from other fisheries in the region or similar fisheries elsewhere that may assist in the evaluation of potential yield

Commitment to implement the Data Collection Plan, including actions to:

- (i) Ensure that each vessel is equipped and configured so as to comply with all relevant conservation measures
- (ii) Ensure that each vessel carries a CCAMLR-designated scientific observer to collect data in accordance with the Data Collection Plan, and to assist in collecting biological and other relevant data
- (iii) Submit to CCAMLR, by the specified deadlines, all data arising from the Data Collection Plan

#### **Conservation Measures 22-06 and 22-07 (Bottom Fishing)**

- (i) Submit a preliminary assessment of the potential for the proposed bottom fishing activities to have significant adverse impacts on VMEs (see proforma in Annex 22-06/A)
- (ii) Submit to CCAMLR, by the specified deadlines, all VME-related data in accordance with Conservation Measure 22-07

#### **Conservation Measure 24-02 (Longline Fisheries)**

Advice that each vessel complies fully with measures specified in Conservation Measure 24-02 if an exemption is sought from setting longlines at night, or fishing outside specified fishing seasons.

#### **Conservation Measure 25-02 (Longline Fisheries)**

Advice that each vessel complies fully with the requirements of Conservation Measure 25-02 in order to minimise the incidental mortality of seabirds during longlining.

**Conservation Measure 25-03 (Trawl Fisheries)**

Advice that each vessel complies fully with the requirements of Conservation Measure 25-03 in order to minimise the incidental mortality of seabirds and marine mammals during trawling.

**Conservation Measure 41-01 (Toothfish Fisheries)**

Commitment to implement the fishery-based research in exploratory toothfish fisheries including the:

- (i) Data Collection Plan (Annex 41-01/A)
- (ii) Research Plan (Annex 41-01/B)
- (iii) Tagging Program (Annex 41-01/C).

**Conservation Measure 51-04 (Krill Fisheries)**

Commitment to implement the fishery-based research in exploratory krill fisheries including the:

- (i) Data Collection Plan (Annex 51-04/A - attached)
- (ii) Research Plan (Annex 51-04/B - attached)

**Conservation Measures 52-02 or 52-03 (Crab Fisheries)**

Commitment to implement the fishery-based research in exploratory crab fisheries including the:

- (i) Data Requirements (Annex 52-02/A or Annex 52-03/A as applicable)
- (ii) Experimental Harvest Regime (Annex 52-02/B or Annex 52-03/B as applicable)

**Conservation Measure 61-01 (Squid Fisheries)**

Commitment to implement the fishery-based research in exploratory squid fisheries including the:

- (i) Data Requirements (Annex 61-01/A)

**Conservation Measures 41-04, 41-05, 41-06, 41-07, 41-09, 41-10, 41-11, 51-05, 52-02, 52-03 or 61-01  
(Exploratory Fisheries)**

Advice that each vessel will comply fully with the requirements in these conservation measures, where these apply, including compliance with mitigation measures and seabird by-catch levels, and additional requirements if fishing occurs during daytime and/or outside normal fishing seasons.

### PART 3 – VESSEL INFORMATION

Each notification must address the following information, for each vessel, in accordance with Conservation Measure 10-02, paragraphs 4 and 5:

#### Conservation Measure 10-02, paragraph 4

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|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (i)    | Name of fishing vessel<br>Previous names (if known)<br>Registration number<br>IMO number (if issued)<br>External markings<br>Port of registry |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (iii)  | Previous flag (if any)                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (iv)   | International Radio Call Sign                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (v)    | Name of vessel's owner(s)<br>Address of vessel owner(s)<br>Beneficial owner(s) if known                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (vi)   | Name of licence owner<br>Address of licence owner (operator)                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (vii)  | Type of vessel                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (viii) | Where was vessel built<br>When was vessel built                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (ix)   | Vessel length overall LOA (m)                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (x)    | 12 x 7 cm colour photographs<br>- 1 x starboard side of the vessel<br>- 1 x port side of the vessel<br>- 1 x stern view                       | <i>[please ensure side photographs display the full overall length and complete structural features of the vessel and the stern photograph is taken directly from astern; include these in the section "Supporting Documentation"]</i> |
| (xi)   | Details of the implementation of the tamper-proof requirements of the VMS device installed                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



**Conservation Measure 10-02, paragraph 5 (to the extent practicable)**

- (i) Name of operator  
Address of operator
- (ii) Names and nationality of master and,  
where relevant, of fishing master
- (iii) Type of fishing method(s)
- (iv) Vessel beam (m)
- (v) Vessel gross registered tonnage
- (vi) Vessel communication types and  
numbers (INMARSAT A, B and C)
- (vii) Normal crew complement
- (viii) Power of main engine(s) (kW)
- (ix) Carrying capacity (tonne)  
Number of fish holds  
Capacity of all holds (m<sup>3</sup>)
- (x) Any other information in respect of  
each licensed vessel they consider  
appropriate (e.g. ice classification) for  
the purposes of the implementation of  
the conservation measures adopted by  
the Commission.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

*[Please attach photographs of each vessel - starboard side, port side and stern view and any other information appropriate to the fishery notification ]*

**PRO FORMA FOR SUBMITTING PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENTS OF  
THE POTENTIAL FOR PROPOSED BOTTOM FISHING ACTIVITIES  
TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS ON  
VULNERABLE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS (VMEs)**

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**1. Preliminary assessment of bottom fishing activities – Required Information**

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**1.1 Scope**

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- 1.1.1 Fishing method(s) to be used  
*Longline type (Spanish/auto/trotline/pots)*
- 1.1.2 Subarea/division  
*e.g. 88.1 and 88.2*
- 1.1.3 Period of application  
*Year*
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**1.2 Proposed fishing activity**

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- 1.2.1 Detailed description of gear  
*Please provide a detailed diagram of the gear configuration to be used (see WG-FSA-08/60 for example or diagrams available in the CCAMLR observer logbook). Include details of line type; line length (length range if necessary); hook type(s); numbers per line and spacing of hooks within a line (per vertical line for trotlines); weight material and mass; spacing of weights; anchor type; floats and spacing etc. for **each vessel** included in this application/notification.*
- 1.2.2 Scale of proposed activity  
*Please provide estimates of total numbers of hooks and/or lines to be deployed.*
- 1.2.3 Spatial distribution of activity  
*Please provide details of SSRUs or geographical regions within the subarea/division in which activities will take place including the depth range of fishing activities.*
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**1.3 Mitigation measures to be used**

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*Please provide details of modifications to gear configuration or methods of deployment aimed at preventing or reducing adverse impacts to VMEs.*

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**2. Preliminary assessment of bottom fishing activities – Supporting Information**

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**2.1 Assessment of known/anticipated impacts on VMEs**

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*Please provide data or information available on the current state of knowledge of impacts of proposed fishing activities on VMEs within the area of activity.*

- 2.1.1 Estimated spatial effort footprint  
*Please provide details of % area covered by fishing effort.*
- 2.1.2 Summary of potential VMEs present within areas of activity  
*e.g. biogenic/geological; habitat area coverage/distribution; fragility/vulnerability and resilience of habitats; species composition/endemism; life-history traits. Please provide details.*
- 2.1.3 Probability of impacts  
*e.g. low/medium/high/unknown. Please provide details.*
- 2.1.4 Magnitude/severity of the interaction of the proposed fishing gear with VMEs  
*e.g. associated mortality and spatial extent of impacts. Please provide details.*
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- 2.1.5 Physical and biological/ecological consequences of impact  
*e.g. loss of physical habitat structure or of keystone species or extinctions.*
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**2.2 Estimated cumulative footprint**

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*Please provide an estimated cumulative impact derived from information provided under 2.1.1 to 2.1.5 above and any additional information available from the Secretariat (e.g. historical fishing effort; habitat maps).*

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**2.3 Research activities related to provision of new information on VMEs**

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2.3.1 Previous research

*Please provide a summary of research previously carried out in the proposed area of activity by your Member State (including national/regional/international research programs). This should include data collected in the previous season under 2.3.2 and details of data submitted to the secretariat such as:*

- *Indirect evidence (e.g. by-catch observation; species identification through sample collection and genetic and morphological analysis; acoustic or geomorphic data collection; other)*
- *Direct evidence (e.g. observations using camera gear or ROVS; other)*

2.3.2 In-season research

*Please summarise details of the research planned during the proposed fishing activities by your Member State (including national/regional/international research programs). Please provide details of what data will be collected in order to document evidence of or further knowledge on VMEs within the areas of activities including:*

- *Indirect evidence (see examples above)*
- *Direct evidence (see examples above)*

2.3.3 Follow-on research

*Please provide details of potential future research resulting from previous/in-season research, including collaborative work with other Member States or as part of national/regional/international research programs including:*

- *Indirect evidence (see examples above)*
  - *Direct evidence (see examples above)*
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**INFORMATION ON NOTIFICATION PAYMENTS**

Notification payments in Australian dollars may be in the form of a Bank Draft or a Direct Deposit to CCAMLR's bank account:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
81 Elizabeth Street, Hobart, Tasmania  
Australia 7000  
SWIFT code CTBAAU2S  
BSB No. 067-000  
Account No. 10182490

Members are requested to advise the Secretariat immediately a payment is made, and to identify each payment with the name of the depositor and the name of the fishing companies and vessels involved and to submit, if possible, a copy of the deposit slip.

If required by a Member, the Secretariat will issue an invoice to the fishing companies involved in order to facilitate the payment being made.

Members should contact the Secretariat urgently if a notification or payment has not been acknowledged.

## **DEADLINES AND WORK SCHEDULE**

The deadline for the submission of notifications and their payments and the schedule of work for the Secretariat are outlined below.

### **Deadline for Members**

Date	Deadline
1 June 2009	Deadline for the submission of exploratory krill notifications
26 July 2009	Deadline for the submission of notifications.  Deadline for the submission of notification payments. Within one month of receipt of notification (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.12).

### **Secretariat Schedule**

Date	Action
On receipt	Acknowledge all notifications and payments received.
Notifications received at least 5 working days before the deadline	Prompt Members about any deficiencies in their notifications (CCAMLR-XXIV, Annex 5, paragraph 3.22).
7 August 2009	Circulate a list of notifications to all Members, and load notifications, in their language of submission, on the 'Members Only' section of the CCAMLR website.
4 September 2009	Advise Members of those notifications for which payment has not been received and give a clear indication that they not be forwarded to the Scientific Committee or its working groups for consideration (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.12(v)).
28 September 2009	Translate summary pages and bottom fishing preliminary assessment summaries into the official languages of CCAMLR.  Circulate all paid notifications as CCAMLR-XXVIII papers.  Tabulate notifications, collate summary pages and circulate as CCAMLR-XXVIII papers.