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[Proposals to amend CMM 2020/15]

Relates to agenda item: 9 (amendment to CMM currently in force)

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Delegation of [France-Overseas Territories]

Abstract

Proposals to amend CMM 2020/15 below are divided into two sections.

1) SC6 has adopted the FR-OT proposal of a protocol to be used to document marine mammal interactions with longliner vessels operating in the SIOFA area, and has recommended it for adoption (SC6 report, paragraph 112). The said protocol has been submitted for adoption to the MOP by FR-OT in a separate working document [MOP-08-11], it corresponds to document SERAWG-03-06 as adopted by the SERA-WG and SC6. The present proposal suggests amendments to CMM 2020/15 in order to take into account the adoption of this protocol in the CMM and to ensure its implementation onboard vessels. These amendments would be added as a new paragraph in the 'General Provisions' applicable to toothfish fisheries.

2) In paragraph 114 of its final report, SC6 "RECOMMENDS that:

- references to '*D. eleginoides*' be replaced by '*Dissostichus spp.*'.
- CCPs submit proposals with the aforementioned revisions to the MoP."

We use this opportunity to include the abovementioned recommendation in this proposal to amend CMM 2020/15.

Recommendations *(working papers only)*

1. The MOP to consider and adopt the following amendments to CMM 2020/15 regarding the protocol to document marine mammal interactions with longliner vessels.
 2. The MOP to consider and adopt the following amendments to CMM 2020/15 regarding the recommendation of SC6 to replace the terminology of '*Dissostichus eleginoides*' by '*Dissostichus spp.*'.
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SECTION 1 : Proposals regarding the adoption of a protocol to be used to document marine mammal interactions with longliner vessels operating in the SIOFA area

1. CURRENT VERSION of CMM 2020/15 : ‘General provisions’ for toothfish fisheries (para.12)

General Provisions

12. Fishing with demersal longlines shall be prohibited in depths shallower than 500m. in order to protect benthic communities and juvenile *Dissostichus* spp.

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to CMM 2020/15 – ‘General provisions’ for toothfish fisheries (para.12 & newly added paragraph 13) (track changes version)

General Provisions

12. Fishing with demersal longlines shall be prohibited in depths shallower than 500m. in order to protect benthic communities and juvenile *Dissostichus* spp.

[“13. CCPs shall require their longliner vessels to implement the SIOFA protocol for documenting marine mammal interactions and for collecting photo-identification data, as adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its 8th meeting in 2021. CCPs shall transmit all relevant information on marine mammal interactions to the SIOFA Secretariat, in accordance with that protocol and with the requirements of CMM 2019/02 on data standards.”](#)

3. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to CMM 2020/15 – ‘General provisions’ for toothfish fisheries (para.12 & newly added paragraph 13) (clean version)

General Provisions

12. Fishing with demersal longlines shall be prohibited in depths shallower than 500m. in order to protect benthic communities and juvenile *Dissostichus* spp.

13. CCPs shall require their longliner vessels to implement the SIOFA protocol for documenting marine mammal interactions and for collecting photo-identification data, as adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its 8th meeting in 2021. CCPs shall transmit all relevant information on marine mammal interactions to the SIOFA Secretariat, in accordance with that protocol and with the requirements of CMM 2019/02 on data standards.

SECTION 2 : Proposals regarding the SC6 recommendation to replace the terminology of
'Dissostichus eleginoides' by 'Dissostichus spp.'

The SC6 recommendation to replace '*Dissostichus eleginoides*' by '*Dissostichus spp.*' would apply to the following paragraphs :

- **7a.** : “ensure collaborative and complementary arrangements are in place for [*Dissostichus spp.*](#) ~~*D.eleginoides*~~ between SIOFA and the Commission for the Conservation of the Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR);”
- **7b.** : “ensure that fishing mortality of [*Dissostichus spp.*](#) ~~*D.eleginoides*~~ on William’s Ridge in the Agreement Area and Del Cano Rise do not cause biologically sustainable catch levels to be exceeded, taking into account population links.”
- **8a.** : “the Meeting of the Parties has adopted a biologically appropriate catch limit for the populations of [*Dissostichus spp.*](#) ~~*D.eleginoides*~~ occurring in the SIOFA portion of Williams Ridge and Del Cano Rise and other appropriate management measures which are comparable in effectiveness to those in force in CCAMLR taking into account the advice and recommendations of the SIOFA Scientific Committee”
- **9a.** : “a biologically appropriate catch limit for the populations of [*Dissostichus spp.*](#) ~~*D.eleginoides*~~ occurring in the SIOFA portion of Williams Ridge and Del Cano Rise”
- **9c.** : “any other matter that the Scientific Committee determines as relevant or necessary for the sustainable management of the [*Dissostichus spp.*](#) ~~*D.eleginoides*~~ populations”
- **11** : “CCPs with an interest in this stock shall cooperate to ensure scientific collaboration between CCAMLR and SIOFA to ensure long-term sustainable management for [*Dissostichus spp.*](#) ~~*D.eleginoides*~~ stocks which takes due account of relevant rights and responsibilities under international law, and which does not undermine the conservation status of the stock.”