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Exploratory toothfish fishery report

Chile

Chile Annual National Report on CMM 14d-2020

Conservation and Management Measure for Exploratory Fishing for Toothfish by Chilean-Flagged Vessels in the SPRFMO Convention Area

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General Description of the Exploratory Fishing

The exploratory fishing for toothfish conducted by Chilean-flagged vessels was authorised for three years (2020, 2021 and 2022) through CMM 14d-2020. The vessel *Globalpesca II* was authorised to carry out these activities.

Current Situation

Chile reports to the Scientific Committee that, as reported for the SC9 of 2021, it has not been possible to conduct the activities committed at the adoption of this Conservation and Management Measure. The reason for this is due to the difficult situation that until now is affecting the owner of the vessel committed to conduct this fishery, and as stated in previous years, it was severely affected by the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the same sense, as provided last year in our report to the Scientific Committee, the owner reiterated that it is not able to conduct this exploratory fishing during 2022.

Given these circumstances, Chile will explain to the Commission the obstacles it faced in the development of this exploratory fishery and that without prejudice to this, and if the health and economic situation allows it in the future, Chile could present a new request of exploratory fishing for toothfish, always in accordance with the relevant provisions of the corresponding conservation and management measure on exploratory fishing of SPRFMO.