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| <a href="#"><u>Conservation Measure 22-09</u></a> | Protection of registered vulnerable marine ecosystems in subareas, divisions, small-scale research units, or management areas open to bottom fishing |
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The abovementioned Conservation Measures prohibit bottom fishing in high seas waters by gillnets and trawls and restrict exploratory longline fishing for toothfish in high seas areas to waters deeper than 550m in depth. Conservation Measures 22-06 and 22-07, first adopted in 2007 and 2008 respectively, require preliminary assessment of the impact of planned activities on vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs),