

Comments on the document

“NEW ZEALAND BOTTOM FISHERY IMPACT ASSESSMENT”

Chile values the contribution made by New Zealand in the document "Bottom Fishery Impact Assessment", which comprises the New Zealand interpretation of the Interim Measures, and the subsequent steps taken to comply with them in a way that is consistent with the management approaches, protocols and instruments used by New Zealand.

The assessment reported by New Zealand is consistent with the development and scale of its Deep-Sea fisheries in high seas. Is highly remarkable the cost-effective use of information from fishing activities applied in the New Zealand assessment, considering the high costs of Deep-Sea fisheries research.

In this context, Chile has pointed out that procedures to assess impacts from Deep Sea Fisheries should be applied gradually according with the scale and level of development of the fishing activities carried out on these resources. This approach can make possible and affordable to accomplish the main objectives of the Convention for all participant States.