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Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources

## Krill fisheries

Antarctic krill (*Euphausia superba*) may be taken in the Southern Ocean in Subareas 48.1 to 48.4, Subarea 48.6 and Divisions 58.4.1 and 58.4.2. Fishing vessels operate midwater trawls and beam trawls in depths of 0–250 m. Vessels may use a continuous fishing system which transports krill from the codend of the net to the vessel while the vessel is trawling. Pumps may also be used to clear nets hauled alongside the vessels.

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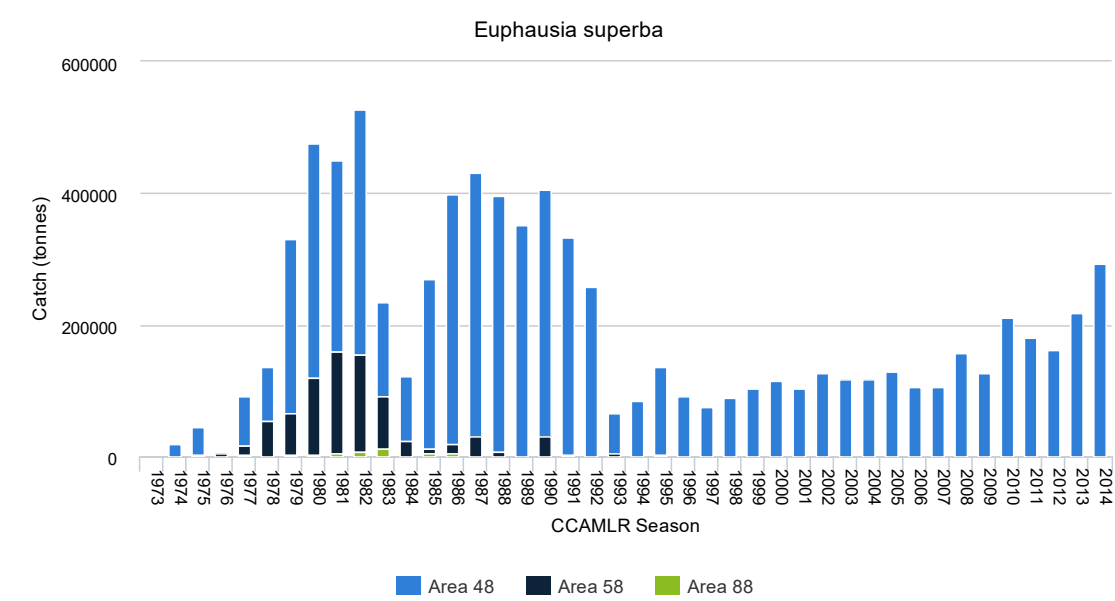
The fisheries in Subareas 48.1 to 48.4, and Divisions 58.4.1 and 58.4.2 are established fisheries, and the fishery in Subarea 48.6 is an exploratory fishery. However, fishing is currently only conducted in Subareas 48.1 to 48.4.

These fisheries are reviewed annually by CCAMLR's [Working Group on Ecosystem Monitoring and Management \(WG-EMM\)](#) and the [Scientific Committee](#). The Commission's agreed limits for the current fishing season are defined in the [Conservation measures](#).

Area	Type of fishery	Target species	Catch limit (tonnes)	Conservation Measure
Subarea 48.1	Established	<i>E. superba</i>	155 000*	<a href="#">Conservation Measure 51-01</a> and <a href="#">Conservation Measure 51-07</a>
Subarea 48.2	Established	<i>E. superba</i>	279 000*	<a href="#">Conservation Measure 51-01</a> and <a href="#">Conservation Measure 51-07</a>
Subarea 48.3	Established	<i>E. superba</i>	279 000*	<a href="#">Conservation Measure 51-01</a> and <a href="#">Conservation Measure 51-07</a>
Subarea 48.4	Established	<i>E. superba</i>	93 000*	<a href="#">Conservation Measure 51-01</a> and <a href="#">Conservation Measure 51-07</a>
Subarea 48.6	Exploratory	<i>E. superba</i>	n/a	no current notification
Division 58.4.1	Established	<i>E. superba</i>	440 000	<a href="#">Conservation Measure 51-02</a>
Division 58.4.2	Established	<i>E. superba</i>	2 645 000	<a href="#">Conservation Measure 51-03</a>

\* the combined catch limit for these subareas is currently 620 000 tonnes

## Catch history



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