

CCAMLR Longline VME encounter thresholds

Vessels using bottom longlining gear are required to segment their lines and then report the number of VME-indicator units recorded on each line segment. The move-on rule is triggered when five or more indicator units are reported within one segment. Such instances must be reported to the Secretariat immediately so that other vessels in the fishery may be informed that this area is closed and not to fish in this area. An indicator unit is defined as:

VME indicator unit' means either one litre of those VME indicator organisms that can be placed in a 10 -litre container, or one kilogram of those VME indicator organisms that do not fit into a 10-litre container.

Line segment is defined as: 'Line segment' means a 1000-hook section of line or a 1 200 m section of line, whichever is the shorter, and for pot lines a 1 200 m section.