

Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measure for Deep Sea Chimaeras in the NEAFC Regulatory Area from 2020 to 2023

The Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention:

1. Each Contracting Party shall prohibit vessels flying its flag in the Regulatory Area from directed fishing for deep sea chimaeras.
2. Contracting Parties shall submit all data on deep sea chimaeras available to ICES for further evaluation of the state of the stocks.
3. Contracting Parties are encouraged to take conservation measures with equal effect within waters under their national jurisdiction.
4. For the purposes of this Recommendation, 'deep sea chimaeras' means the following list of species:

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Chimaera monstrosa</i>	Rabbit fish
<i>Hydrolagus mirabilis</i>	Large-eyed rabbit fish (Ratfish)
<i>Rhinochimaera atlantica</i>	Straightnose rabbitfish

This measure shall be in force from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2023.