

Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measure for Deep Sea Chimaeras in the NEAFC Regulatory Area from 2024 to 2027

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 available data on deep sea chimaeras 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 |
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| <i>Chimaera monstrosa</i> | Rabbit fish |
| <i>Chimaera opalescens</i> | Opal chimaera |
| <i>Harriotta haeckeli</i> | Smallspine spookfish |
| <i>Harriotta raleighana</i> | Narrownose chimaera |
| <i>Hydrolagus affinis</i> | Small-eyed rabbitfish |
| <i>Hydrolagus lustanicus</i> | Portuguese rabbitfish |
| <i>Hydrolagus mirabilis</i> | Large-eyed rabbit fish (Ratfish) |
| <i>Hydrolagus pallidus</i> | Pale chimaera |
| <i>Rhinochimaera atlantica</i> | Straightnose rabbitfish |

This measure shall be in force from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2027.