Fishing activities in the Antarctic: conservation and control measures

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In adopting the report by Mrs Patricia McKENNA (V, Irl), the European Parliament has approved this proposal for a regulation. However, it calls on the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) to follow a precautionary approach in its deliberations. In particular, Parliament is concerned about the extent of illegal fishing in the waters under CCAMLR management and notes the difficulties individual countries face in controlling these activities over such a vast expanse of ocean. In encouraging the countries involved to control the activities of their vessels more efficiently and to take measures to combat illegal fishing, it recommends the establishing of a vessel monitoring system (VMS) together with an international programme of observers, to be organized by the partner countries.