

Proposal by the Russian Federation for a recommendation to close certain areas in the Regulatory Area in order to protect deep-water corals.

In order to protect deep-water-corals, no bottom fishing activities shall be permitted:

On the Hatton Bank within the area delimited by the following co-ordinates:

59 26N, 14 30 W
59 12N, 15 08 W
59 01N, 17 00W
59 50N, 17 38W
58 30N, 17 52W
58 30N, 18 45W
58 47N, 18 37W
59 05N, 17 32W
59 16N, 17 20W
59 22N, 16 50W
59 21N, 15 40W

On the Rockall Bank in the parts of the following areas that fall within The NEAFC Regulatory Area:

North West Rockall

57 00N, 14 53W
57 37N, 14 42W
57 55N, 14 24W
58 15N, 13 50W
57 57N, 13 09W
57 50N, 13 14W
57 57N, 13 45W
57 49N, 14 06W
57 29N, 14 19W
57 22N, 14 19W
57 00N, 14 34W

South Rockall:

56°16'N, 15°50'W
56°05'N, 15°50'W
56°05'N, 15°30'W
56°18'N, 15°30'W

and

56°18'N, 15°20'W
56°10'N, 15°20'W
56°10'N, 15°10'W
56°18'N, 15°05'W

South West Rockall:

56 16N, 15 46W

56 23N, 15 46W

56 30N, 15 33W

56 35N, 15 20W

56 17N, 15 20W

The boundaries of these areas may be adjusted in the light of more precise evidence on the distribution of deep water corals.