

Effectiveness of Seabird Mitigation Measures Technical Group Terms of Reference

Measuring and monitoring effectiveness of seabird mitigation measures in SBT longline fisheries

Purpose

To provide advice to CCSBT-ERSWG on feasible, practical, timely, and effective technical approaches for measuring and monitoring the effectiveness of seabird mitigation measures in SBT longline fisheries. This does not detract from the need to implement effective seabird bycatch mitigation measures in line with the recommendations under agenda item 10 of ERSWG10.

Composition

Participation is open to representatives of Members and CNMs, Birdlife International and ACAP with technical, and scientific and other expertise concerning approaches for measuring and monitoring the effectiveness of seabird bycatch mitigation measures.

Participation is also open to other invited experts whose particular expertise would make a beneficial contribution to the work being undertaken.

Activities

1. Preparation of a scoping paper that considers approaches for monitoring the effectiveness of seabird mitigation measures in SBT longline fisheries taking into account, among other things:
 - proposed elements for monitoring the effectiveness of seabird bycatch mitigation set out in CCSBT-ERS/1308/17(Rev.1)
 - need for both immediate and longer-term approaches for monitoring effectiveness
 - the feasibility, practicality, timeliness and effectiveness of any proposed approaches for monitoring effectiveness
 - ways of conducting retrospective analyses of existing data on seabird bycatch mitigation to test developed methods of measuring and monitoring
 - ways of extending monitoring across other tuna RFMOs and bodies with responsibility for seabird bycatch mitigation in longline fisheries
 - need to finalise the scoping paper to timelines for ERSWG-11.
2. Conduct of an intersessional workshop involving the participants to discuss ways to measure and monitor the effectiveness of seabird bycatch mitigation measures in longline fisheries and to inform the development of the scoping paper.
3. Participants will develop the scoping paper collaboratively.

Review

These terms of reference will be reviewed by the Ecologically Related Species Working Group and Extended Commission during their next ordinary sessions with a view to developing terms of reference for additional work towards implementing the approaches for monitoring the effectiveness of seabird mitigation measures in SBT longline fisheries set out in the scoping paper.

Resourcing

The workshop will be conducted in English without interpretation. The workshop will be supported by the host Member with minimal involvement of the CCSBT Secretariat.