



RESOLUTION ON THE INCIDENTAL CATCH OF SEABIRDS

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The Commission For The Conservation And Management Of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks In The Western And Central Pacific Ocean

Concerned that some species of seabirds, notably albatrosses and petrels, are threatened with global extinction.

Noting advice from the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources that together with illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, the greatest threat to Southern Ocean seabirds is mortality in longline fisheries in waters adjacent to its Convention Area.

In accordance with Article 5(e) and 10(c) of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean the Commission decides:

1. Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members, and participating Territories (called CCMs) shall, to the extent possible, implement the International Plan of Action for Reducing Incidental Catches of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries (IPOA-Seabirds) if they have not already done so.
2. CCMs shall report to the Commission on their implementation of the IPOA-Seabirds, including, as appropriate, the status of their National Plans of Action for Reducing Incidental Catches of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries.
3. CCMs shall provide the Commission with all available information on interactions with seabirds, including incidental catches and details of species, to enable the Scientific Committee to estimate seabird mortality in all fisheries to which the WCPF Convention applies.
4. The Commission, in consultation with the Technical and Compliance Committee, shall consider measures for the mitigation of incidental catch of seabirds, including those applied and tested by CCAMLR, at its annual meeting in 2006.