

**RESOLUTION 12/06****ON REDUCING THE INCIDENTAL BYCATCH OF SEABIRDS IN
LONGLINE FISHERIES**

APPLICABLE TO



This Resolution reflects the ultimate aim of IOTC and CPCs to achieve a zero bycatch of seabirds in IOTC fisheries, especially threatened albatross and petrel species in longline fisheries. It is mindful of studies undertaken in other longline tuna fisheries that demonstrate the economic benefits of measures that mitigate the incidental bycatch of seabirds by significantly increasing catches of targeted species. It applies to CPCs whose flag vessels are engaged in longline fisheries and to observers assigned to those fisheries.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

There are two annual flag State reporting requirements: one to the IOTC Secretariat on incidental bycatch of seabirds using the scientific observer and logbooks programme; and the other to the Commission in the Report of Implementation.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

WHAT

Report annually on the incidental catch of seabirds by species, collected either through scientific observers or (where observer programme is not implemented) through logbooks

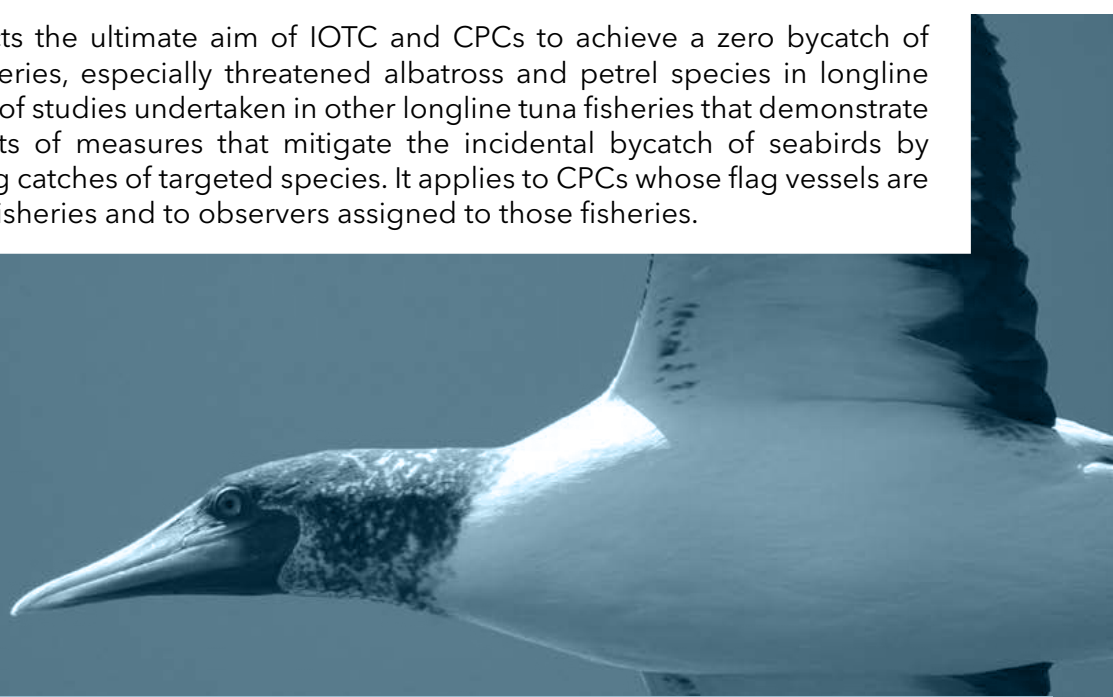
Report to the Commission through annual reports on the implementation of this Resolution

WHEN**DEADLINE**

30 June for data from the previous year annually

DEADLINE

In the Implementation report, part C, 60 days before the session of the Commission annually



REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

Reporting should be by templates provided by Regional Observer Programme and specifications for logbook formats; both provide for recording interactions with seabirds. The annual Report of Implementation should be made in Part C.

Interactions with seabirds must be reported as well in the National Scientific Report to the Scientific Committee.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

REPORT DATA ON THE INCIDENTAL CATCH OF SEABIRDS BY SPECIES, COLLECTED EITHER THROUGH SCIENTIFIC OBSERVERS OR (WHERE OBSERVER PROGRAMME IS NOT IMPLEMENTED) THROUGH LOGBOOKS. (PARAS 1, 2)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State CPC should use the data report template related to discards.
- Reporting format: Data must be submitted in specified file format. The template spread-sheet forms can be accessed under <http://www.iotc.org/data/requested-statistics-and-submission-forms> (Form 1DI)
- Where to send the information: The report should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

REPORT TO THE COMMISSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION. (PARA 3)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State should report in the Report of Implementation, Part C, wherein it details the number and species of birds caught and the progress and actions taken to implement this Resolution
- Reporting format: The Report of Implementation is available at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>
- The National Report is here <https://www.iotc.org/science>
- Where to send the information: The report should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org





TRANSPPOSITION INTO NATIONAL LAW

TO REDUCE INCIDENTAL CATCHES OF SEABIRDS IN LONGLINE FISHERIES (PARA 5)

- 1) The operator of any fishing vessel in [country] waters, or of any [country] registered vessel in areas beyond national jurisdiction shall make such reports of incidental bycatch of seabirds as may be required by the relevant Official/Authority].
- 2) Where such fishing vessel is in the IOTC Area of Competence and is south of 25 degrees South latitude, the operator shall use and comply with at least two of the three mitigation measures in [*the First Schedule, Part 1 and shall comply with the technical standards for tori lines in the First Schedule, Part 2 in relation to the incidental by-catch of seabirds.* **Note: these requirements should be put in Schedules to Regulations; they are too technical and lengthy to include on this Implementation Sheet]**



COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

None in this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Industry are required to report details on incidental bycatch of seabirds to their flag State authorities through the logbook programme.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

None in this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The IOTC Scientific Committee must annually review the information reported by CPCs pursuant to this measure and, as necessary, provide recommendations to the Commission on ways to strengthen efforts to reduce seabird interactions with IOTC fisheries.



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