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**SUGGESTION FOR ADDRESSING IN THE SHORT TERM THE ISSUE OF
“TARGETING/FISHING FOR”– IN REFERENCE TO AGENDA 5.4 (B)**

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Identifying a definition of “directed/targeted fishery” that could fit all fisheries of all CCMs is rather unlikely, if not impossible. The aim of the EU suggestion is not to resolve once for all the disagreement resulting from the lack of commonly agreed definition of “targeting/actively fishing for” but rather to offer a transitional solution that would allow the assessment of obligations for which TCC has repeatedly failed to provide to the Commission a conclusive compliance assessment and a compliance status for some CCMs. In practice this would apply to the assessment of para 1 of CMM 2015-02.

In line with the initial spirit of the CMM which is based on self-declaration:

- CCMs concerned would describe to TCC how they have determined the number of vessels “actively fishing for” SPA in view of defining their limit as from 2006.
- The Secretariat would make sure that this definition and limit has been consistently used by CCMs concerned throughout the years and will be used in the future until a long term solution is identified.
- CCMs concerned will report annually, jointly with the fished not fished report, the vessels that have actively fished for SPA in the previous year.
- An audit point would be defined by the CMS WG in line with other “L” obligations that are more straightforward.
- The Secretariat and TCC would performed the assessment based on the audit point defined.

Although this might not be a fully satisfying approach it would have at least the merit to provide opportunity for a transparent and consistent assessment of the problematic provision until the Commission replace it by a more appropriate one.