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**DRAFT NON STATUS RESOLUTION BY WCPFC  
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**Proposal Submitted by FFA Members**

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

Resolves as follows:

1. Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members, and participating Territories (called CCMs) shall encourage fishers targeting tuna species to avoid the capture of, and promptly release unharmed, to the extent practicable, all non-target species which are taken incidentally, noting the importance for sustainable livelihoods in developing states and territories of species such as mahi mahi, rainbow runner and wahoo.
2. To seek advice on the practical steps required to improve scientific information and understanding on the impact on non-target species by fishing to which the Convention applies, including enhancing observer and port sampling programmes for this purpose.
3. To undertake a review of measures for mitigating the impacts of fishing on non-target species, including measures applied by Commission Members.
4. The Scientific Committee and the Technical and Compliance Committee should work collaboratively on the activities described in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, and provide advice to the Commission on the implementation of such measures.