

Opening & background:

of the 1st informal intersessional meeting for
the review of WCPFC CMM 2018-03



Review of WCPFC CMM 2018-03

Background:

- WCPFC19 agreed to conduct a review of CMM 2018-03 in 2023 and 2024 whereby new bycatch mitigation studies would be evaluated with respect to bycatch mitigation effectiveness and compared against current ACAP Best Practices.



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Background:

- WCPFC19 agreed to conduct a review of CMM 2018-03 in 2023 and 2024 whereby new bycatch mitigation studies would be evaluated with respect to bycatch mitigation effectiveness and compared against current ACAP Best Practices.
- WCPFC20 noted that New Zealand will lead informal intersessional meetings with interested CCMs to review the latest scientific evidence on seabird bycatch mitigation and gather views.



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Purpose (as per SC19):

“To ensure that effective mitigation methods are required and applied across the Convention Area where there is bycatch risk to vulnerable seabirds from longline fishing.”

Scope (as per SC19):

- I. The spatial extent of required mitigation methods
- II. The Southern Hemisphere mitigation options and specifications
- III. The Northern Hemisphere mitigation options and specifications



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Process as agreed to in WCPFC20:

- **Dec-Feb:** Collation of relevant papers (SharePoint)
- **Feb 20:** 1st informal intersessional meeting (online)
- **May 7:** 2nd informal intersessional meeting (online)
- **May-Jul:** Collation of evidence presented, and views communicated into a draft CMM, by NZ
- **Aug:** Presentation of draft CMM at SC20
- **Sep:** Further discussion on draft CMM at TCC20
- **Dec:** Further discussions on draft CMM at WCPFC21



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Division of scope between
informal intersessional meetings:



20 February 2024

07 May 2024

Southern Hemisphere mitigation
specifications

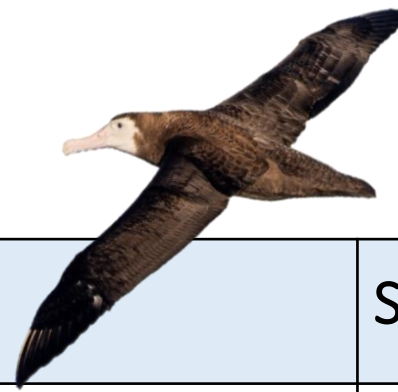
Spatial extent of required mitigation
methods

Southern Hemisphere mitigation
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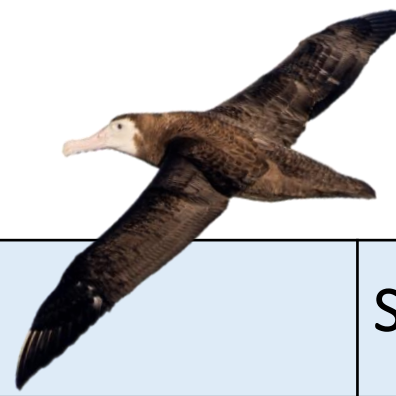
Northern Hemisphere mitigation
options

The plan for today



NZST	Topic	Speaker/facilitator
13:00	<i>Opening & brief background</i>	<i>New Zealand (Danica Stent)</i>
13:10	Presentation, discussion & Q/A: Overview of longline bycatch impacts on seabird populations	New Zealand (Dr Johannes Fischer)
13:30	Presentation, discussion & Q/A: MSC certification and the relevance of the seabird CMM	MSC (Dr Adrian Gutteridge)
14:00	Presentation, discussion & Q/A: An overview of seabird bycatch mitigation methods	New Zealand (Dr Igor Debski)
14:30	Facilitated discussion & Q/A: Mitigation methods that are not considered best practice, incl. blue-dyed bait & line shooters	New Zealand (Dr Johannes Fischer)
15:00	Break	

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NZST	Topic	Speaker/facilitator
15:30	Facilitated discussion & Q/A: Branch line weighting efficacy and specifications	New Zealand (Dr Igor Debski)
16:00	Facilitated discussion & Q/A: Tori line efficacy and specifications	New Zealand (Dr Johannes Fischer)
16:45	Facilitated discussion & Q/A: Night setting specifications	New Zealand (Dr Igor Debski)
17:00	Facilitated discussion & Q/A: Novel mitigation methods, incl. underwater bait setters & hook-shielding devices	New Zealand (Dr Johannes Fischer)
17:15	Next steps & closing remarks	New Zealand (Danica Stent)