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Proposed Process to Review Reporting Requirements and Mitigation Measures in Conservation and Management Measure for Sea Turtles (CMM 2018-04)

WCPFC-SC21-ST-WP-06
USA

WCPFC20 and SC20 Recommendations regarding Revisions to CMM 2018-04:

WCFPC20 (*WCPFC20 Summary Report, Para. 753(e)*):

- SC20 and TCC20 review the SciData requirements to capture sea turtle interaction reporting requirements under CMM 2018-04, paragraphs 5c and 7e.

SC20 (*SC20 Summary Report, Para. 75*):

- SC20 noted that some CCMs have different interpretations of the requirements in paragraphs 5c and 7e, specifically as to whether the paragraphs require reporting through submission of operational level data or in a summary form, and **SC suggested TCC and the Commission consider clarifying the requirements of these paragraphs to resolve any ambiguity.**

WCPFC21 Recommendation:

WCFPC21 (*WCPFC21 Summary Report, Para. 204*):

- The Commission agreed to review and revise CMM 2018-04 (Sea Turtles) in 2026, to ensure that the reporting requirements are clearly defined and to consider expanding the scope of the measure to include mitigation measures for deep-set longline fisheries, for consideration by SC22, TCC22 and WCPFC23.

USA proposed process to review CMM 2018-04

Review Purpose: 1) to ensure that reporting requirements in CMM 2018-04 are clearly defined, and 2) to consider expanding the scope of mitigation measures for longline fisheries

Review Process: Informal intersessional working group, led by the United States, to meet in 2026 to provide recommendations regarding potential revisions to CMM 2018-04 to SC22, TCC22, and WCPFC23

Review Scope: (1) ensure reporting requirements clearly defined; (2) provide overview of sea turtle range and status within the WCPO; (3) evaluate sea turtle bycatch in WCPFC longline fisheries; and (4) consider potential mitigation strategies to reduce fisheries' impacts to sea turtles in the WCPO.