**SC14 – ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH THEME DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Agenda Item 6.3.1**

**Draft Recommendations** associated with EB-WP-11 Update on bycatch risks to seabirds in the Western Pacific

SC 14 noted that:

1. the most recent geolocation data on Antipodean wandering albatross, a priority population of conservation concern, indicates the extent of foraging up to and north of 25° S. (adopted)
2. substantial fishing effort occurs in waters of the WCPFC area between 30°S and 25°S which is within the Antipodean wandering albatross foraging range. (adopted)
3. as CMM2017-06 does not require the use of seabird mitigation in the WCPFC area between 30°S and 25°S, this fishing effort poses a bycatch risk to Antipodean wandering albatross and other species foraging in the area. (adopted)
4. revision of CMM2017-06 to extend the area of application up to 25°S will reduce the bycatch risks faced by Antipodean wandering albatross and other seabirds. (adopted)

Recommendations:

SC 14 recommend that:

1. TCC14 and WCPFC15 consider a revision to the southern area of application of CMM2017-06, including implementation considerations of SIDS and Territories. (adopted)