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WCPFC_GFW-Birdlife night assessment

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A new method using AIS data to obtain independent compliance data to determine mitigation use at sea

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Objectives



Explore GFW AIS data as an independent, scientific assessment of seabird bycatch mitigation measure use by:

-To Understand if it is possible to determine night setting by pelagic longline vessels using AIS data

- To develop a convolutional neural network to autonomously assess night setting





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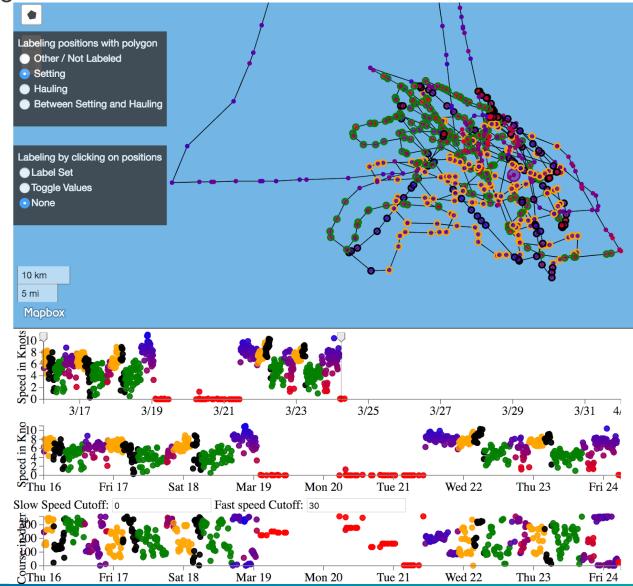
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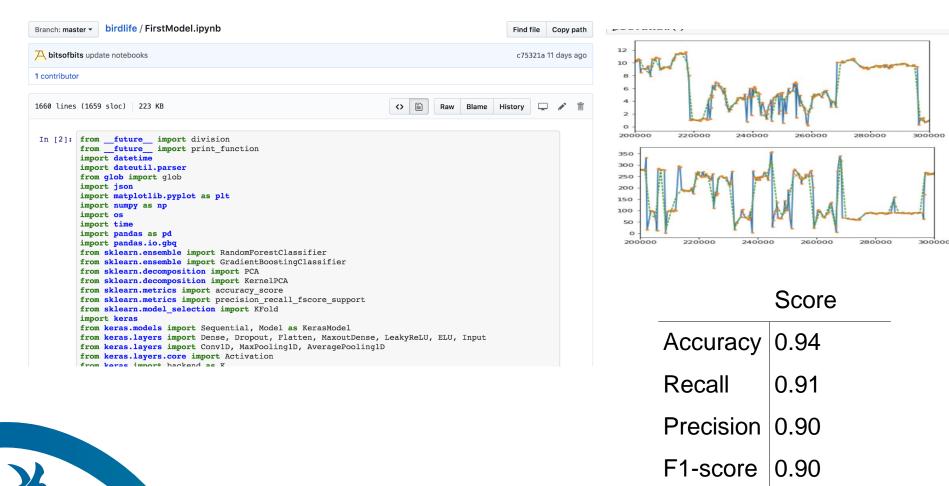
















• 61,000 sets in total analysed by 300 vessels

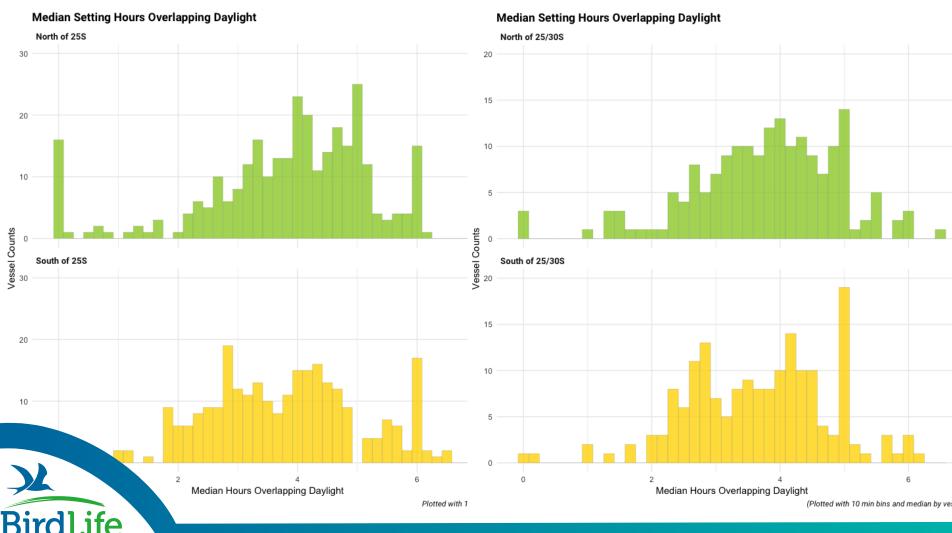
Over **15,000** sets from filtered data by **201** vessels

• **148** vessels from filtered data fished in seabird CMM areas



Results



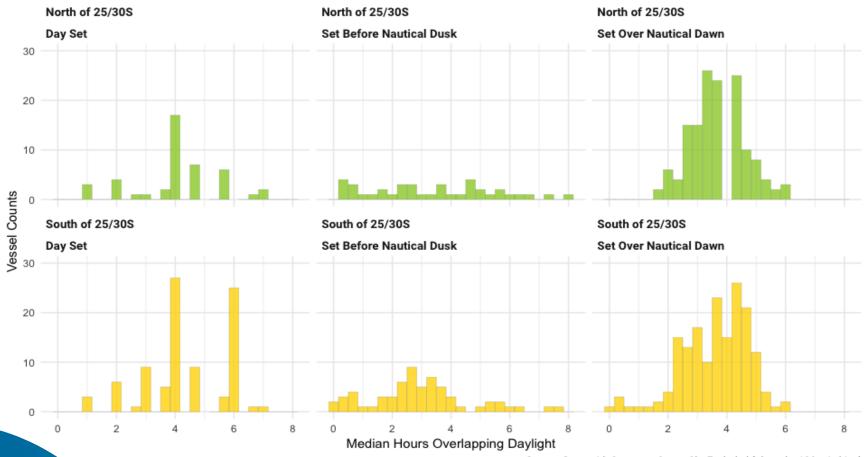




Results



Median Setting Hours Overlapping Daylight



Sets on Days with Coverage Gaps >2hr Excluded (plotted w/ 20 min bins)



Results



Ocean/RFMO	% compliant night sets	% mostly night sets (<2 hrs overlap with daylight)	% daylight sets (>2 hrs overlap with daylight)	Vessels	Sets
Atlantic	5.2	24.2	75.8	40	1898
Indian	3.5	11.1	88.9	115	11156
WCPFC	1.3	24.8	75.2	37	1995
Total	3.4	13.1	86.89	201	15049



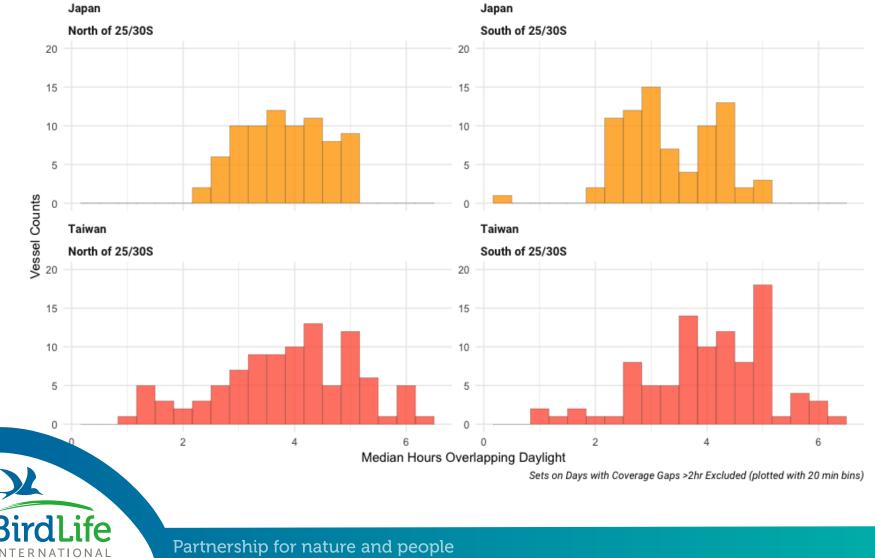
Less than **15%** of night sets could be considered compliant with night setting



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Outcomes



It is possible to use AIS data as an independent tool for understanding use/non-use of night setting

Electronic monitoring could potentially be a powerful tool for fisheries management and seabird bycatch monitoring

Levels of night setting use appear to be very low High concern for Endangered albatrosses

