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|  | TORs | Essential | Priority | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| **Project 68. Estimation of seabird mortality across the WCPFC Convention Area**  Other budget: $52,000 from FAO/ABNJ. Contract is underway. | Annexed | Yes | High | 17,500 |  |  |

T**ERMS OF REFERENCE / SCOPE OF WORK**

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| **PROJECT 68**  **Estimation of seabird mortality across the WCPFC Convention Area** |

To:

* Fulfil the requirement under the WCPFC seabird CMMs to estimate the total number of seabirds being killed per year in WCPFC fisheries,
* Assess mortality per year over the ten years since the first WCPFC seabird CMM, as requested under CMM2006-02, CMM 2007-04 and CMM 2012-07, and assess whether there is any detectable trend,
* Describe the methods used to estimate total mortality, including treatment of data gaps,
* Identify the limitations in the data available, allowing the SC to generate advice to the Commission on what improvements are needed to enable better analyses to be made, and
* Generate advice on what further level of seabird assessment at species or species-group level can be conducted, given the amount and quality of data currently available.