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Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to support TCC's consideration of matters where input from TCC21 is expected/anticipated. Where appropriate, SC21 recommendations relating to the review of CMM for Seabirds (CMM 2018-03) and CMM for Sea Turtles (CMM 2018-04) are presented.

TCC21 Agenda Item 7.8 | Review of CMM for Seabirds (CMM 2018-03)

SC21	<p>SC21 requested that TCC21 consider further any practicality issues related to the use of combined mitigation measures south of 25° South.</p> <p>SC21 endorsed the approach to develop a two-tiered structure that separates minimum, compliance-based standards from adaptable technical guidelines in relation to the specification of tori lines for large vessels in the Southern Hemisphere (Paragraph 1a of CMM 2018-03 Annex 1). Such guidelines would enable the improvement of this seabird bycatch mitigation practice and enhance operational flexibility.</p> <p>SC21 requested interested CCMs and Observers to work intersessionally to present an updated draft to TCC21 based on a draft set of technical guidelines discussed during ISG-04.</p> <p><i>(ref: SC21 Outcomes, paragraph 192 - 194)</i></p>
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TCC21 Agenda Item 7.8 | Review of CMM for Sea Turtles (CMM 2018-04)

SC21	<p>SC21 endorsed the formation of an informal intersessional working group led by the United States to review CMM 2018-04 for sea turtles, noting that an examination of sea turtle data reporting requirements could be undertaken as part of this review. SC21 requested that this informal intersessional working group report back to SC22 and TCC22 on the outputs of its discussions.</p> <p><i>(ref: SC21 Outcomes, paragraph 7)</i></p>
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