

Appendix 6 Specifications for Seabird Mitigation Measures (in accordance with WCPFC CMM 2015-03)

Small-scale longline fishing vessels less than 24 meters in overall length fishing north of 23°N shall use at least one of the mitigation measures from Column A in Table 1

Large-scale longline fishing vessels of 24 meters and above in overall length fishing north of 23°N shall use at least two of the mitigation measures in Table 1, including at least one from Column A

Table 1 Mitigation Measures

Column A	Column B
Side setting with a bird curtain and weighted branch lines	Tori line
Night setting ¹ with minimum deck lighting	Blue-dyed bait
Tori line	Deep setting line shooter
Weighted branch lines ²	Management of offal discharge ³

1. Night Setting:

- i. No setting between nautical dawn and before nautical dusk.
- ii. Nautical dusk and nautical dawn are defined as set out in the Nautical Almanac tables for relevant latitude, local time and date.
- iii. Deck lighting to be kept to a minimum. Minimum deck lighting should not breach minimum standards for safety and navigation.

2. Weighted Branch Lines:

- i. Following minimum weight specifications are required:
 - one weight greater than or equal to 40g within 50cm of the hook; or
 - greater than or equal to a total of 45g attached to within 1 m of the hook; or
 - greater than or equal to a total of 60 g attached to within 3.5 m of the hook; or
 - greater than or equal to a total of 98 g weight attached to within 4 m of the hook.

3. Management of Offal Discharge

- i. Either no offal discharge during setting or hauling;
- ii. Or strategic offal discharge from the opposite side of the boat to setting/hauling to actively encourage birds away from baited hooks.