

## **Korea's mitigation measures for seabird bycatch**

In accordance with paragraph 5 of Resolution C-11-02, the Republic of Korea hereby submits to the Director the mitigation measures for seabird bycatch that Korean vessels plan to employ in the implementation of this Resolution.

### **Paragraph 1**

The Republic of Korea developed its National Plan of Action for Reducing Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries (NPOA-Seabirds) in 2014 and ensures that Korean-flagged longliners are compliant with the NPOA-Seabirds. The NPOA can be found in the FAO website : <https://www.fao.org/fishery/en/publications/92760>.

### **Paragraph 2 and 3**

Paragraph 2 requires longliners of more than 20 meters length overall and that fish for species covered by the IATTC in the EPO north of 23 N and south of 30 S to use at least two of the mitigation measures in Table 1. Since there are no Korean longline vessels operating in the areas specified in the Resolution, the requirements set out in paragraph 2 do not apply to Korea. Nevertheless, Korea encourages Korean longline vessels to voluntarily employ the mitigation measure of "Tori line" in the EPO in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Resolution.