

Dear Secretariat,

I write to inform the IATTC of the mitigation measures that Korean longline fishing vessels plan to employ in the implementation of the Resolution C-11-02 in accordance with paragraph 5 of the same resolution as follows:

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 homepage <http://www.fao.org/fishery/ipoa-seabirds/npoa/en>.

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. However, as indicated in 2019 Compliance Questionnaire, there are no Korean longline vessels operating in the areas specified in the Resolution. So, the requirements set out in paragraph 2 are not applicable 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 the Resolution.

Please take this as Korea's response to the reporting requirement set out in paragraph 5 of Resolution C-11-02.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
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