

## Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)

### CCSBT Non-Binding Measures on Seabirds

see [http://www.ccsbt.org/site/bycatch\\_mitigation.php](http://www.ccsbt.org/site/bycatch_mitigation.php) to check for updates to this measure

Non-Binding measures agreed by the CCSBT include:

- Members shall:
  - Exchange information concerning new or refined techniques to reduce incidental catch of seabirds and cooperate in developing and assessing the effectiveness of such techniques, including those with the objective of preventing the approach of seabirds to fishing vessels or restraining the feeding activities of seabirds. In introducing a technique, a Member will consider its effectiveness in reducing the incidental catch of ecologically related species, and the costs and benefits, including possible impacts on harvesting of tuna.
  - Continue to assess the effectiveness of the measures described in the points above.
  - Promote, among the fishers concerned, understanding about the incidental capture of seabirds and measures which can be implemented to reduce seabird capture in longline operations.
- Members should:
  - Promote the use of appropriately designed and deployed tori lines in SBT longline fishing operations
  - Take the following measures, as appropriate, in longline fisheries while taking southern bluefin tuna:
    - avoid the dumping of offal as far as possible while longlines are being set or hauled; and
    - use thawed baits.
  - Make every effort to ensure that birds captured alive during longlining are released alive and that wherever possible hooks are removed without jeopardising the life of the bird concerned.