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EU Proposal for two WCPFC16 Decisions on Seabirds (rev 2)

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DRAFT WCPFC decision 1

WCPFC agreed that to allow assessing the effectiveness of the current seabird mitigation measures, as from 2020 and onwards, the following ROP minimum standard data fields on longline information shall be amended to include UTC time.

Date and time of start of set: Date and time (UTC) the first buoy is thrown into the water to start the setting of the line.

Date and Time of end of set: Date and time (UTC) the last buoy (usually has radio beacon attached) at the end of the mainline thrown into the water

Date and time of start of haul: Date and time (UTC) the first buoy of the mainline is hauled from the water to start the haul.

Date and time of end of haul: Date and time (UTC) the last buoy of the mainline is hauled from the water to end the haul:

CCMs are also encouraged to provide indication on the time zone used in the provision of their historical operational catch and effort data.

CCMs can alternatively include a field explaining how to convert the time recorded in UTC time.

WCPFC16 agreed to task SC16 to discuss the feasibility of amending the Scientific data to be provided to the Commission to include the provision of set and haul times in the longline operational level data on a mandatory basis.

Draft WCPFC decision 2

WCPFC agreed to endorse the SC recommendation on the continuation of Project 68 in 2022 in view to undertaking a full risk assessment, considering species' productivity to evaluate the impact of fisheries on seabird populations in both the WCPO Southern and Northern Hemisphere and tasks the SC to identify the most appropriate means for this undertaking.