



RESOLUTION ON NON-TARGET FISH SPECIES

Resolution-2005-03

The Commission For The Conservation And Management Of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks In The Western And Central Pacific Ocean

In accordance with the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean:

Noting the importance of many non-target fish species such as mahi mahi, rainbow runner and wahoo for sustainable livelihoods in many communities in the Convention Area;

Recognising the requirement for members of the Commission to adopt measures to minimise discards, catch of non-target fish species, and the impacts on associated or dependent species;

Resolves as follows:

1. Commission Members, Cooperating Non-members and participating Territories (CCMs) shall encourage their vessels operating in fisheries managed under the WCPFC Convention to avoid to the extent practicable, the capture of all non-target fish species that are not to be retained;
2. Any such non-target fish species that are not to be retained, shall, to the extent practicable, be promptly released to the water unharmed.