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FOLLOW UP OF THE ICCAT PERFORMANCE REVIEW - PANEL 4

<i>Report chapter</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>	<i>LEAD</i>	<i>PA4</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Proposed Next Steps</i>	<i>Observations</i>	<i>Action to be taken, or already taken</i>	<i>Completion status following annual meeting</i>
<b>Trends in the Status of Non-Target Species</b>	4. The Panel recommends that the precautionary approach be consistently applied for associated species considering that the assessments for these species are highly uncertainty and that their status is often poorly known.	PA4	X	M	While led by Panel 4, refer to SCRS to provide advice to assist in applying a precautionary approach to relevant non-target species.	This refers to relevant associated species as defined in the Review.		
<b>Mediterranean Swordfish</b>	30. The Panel encourages ICCAT to intensify its efforts to improve the scientific and fisheries database for this stock and endorses the SCRS recommendation that the fishery be closely monitored and that every component of the Mediterranean swordfish mortality be adequately reported to ICCAT by the CPCs.	PA4	X	M	Refer to Panel 4 to consider shortcomings in data collection and reporting and ways to address them.	COC, SCRS, the Secretariat, and/or CPCs may also have roles to play in implementing this Recommendation. SCRS will carry out an assessment in 2019.		
<b>Blue and White Marlins</b>	38. The Panel supports the SCRS advice that ICCAT actively encourage, or make obligatory, the use of non-offset circle hooks on long line fisheries to reduce the mortality of released marlin.	PA4	X	S/M	Refer to Panel 4 for consideration when discussing stock conservation and management based on new stock assessments.	COC developed check sheet to monitor implementation.	See SCRS - BIL WG comments	

<b>Sharks</b>	40. The Panel recommends that ICCAT introduces catch limits as a priority for the main shark populations, in line with the SCRS advice. To ensure effective application of this measure, a quota allocation scheme should be developed.	PA4	X	S/M	Refer to Panel 4 for consideration in light of new assessments.			
	42. The Panel supports the view that shark fins should be naturally attached on landings. The shark finning practice applied to stocks already depleted or severely reduced, is but another factor negatively impacting on the shark stocks.	PA4	X	S	Refer to Panel 4 for consideration and appropriate action.	The origin of this view is not clear from this statement.	No agreement on draft proposals to date	
<b>Seaturtles</b>	51. The Panel endorses the SCRS advice that the Commission consider the adoption of measures such as, the mandatory use of non- offset circle hooks.	PA4	X	S	Refer to Panel 4 for consideration.	Not clear that this is a recommendation from the SCRS.		
<b>Sebirds</b>	54. The Panel commends ICCAT on the measures it has introduced to date and recommends that it pursues its stated goal of further reducing bird mortality through the refinement of existing mitigation measures.	PA4	X	S/M	Refer to Panel 4 for consideration based on input from SCRS, as needed.		Panel Chair has worked with Secretariat to propose a draft combined measure contained in PA4-803 for consideration	

<b>Data Collection and Sharing</b>	6. The Panel recommends that a mechanism be found to allow minor occasional harvesters without allocations to report their catches without being subject to sanctions.	COC	X	M	Refer matter to the COC in cooperation with the other relevant bodies for consideration and also to the Panels as the issue could also be addressed in the context of management recommendations.	Overall efforts should be coordinated initially by the PWG.	Has been included for marlins but not for SWO	
	6bis. The Panel concludes that ICCAT scores well in terms of agreed forms and protocols for data collection but, while progress has been made, more needs to be done particularly for bycatch species and discards.	SCRS	X	M			See SCRS - BIL WG comments	
<b>Rebuilding Plans</b>	47. The Panel recommends that ICCAT move away from the current re-active management to re-redress the status of stocks through re-building plans, to a more pro-active policy of developing comprehensive long term management strategies for the main stocks. Such management strategies would encompass management objectives, harvest control rules, the stock assessment method, fishery indicators and the monitoring programme.	SWGSM	X	S/M	Refer to SWGSM where work is already underway; also relevant to the future work of the Panels.		Harvest control rules are being introduced, but Panel 4 species are not top priority for the Commission. Further work will be carried out on the basis of experience with Panel 2 species	