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 Bycatch is the incidental capture of a non-target species in fisheries and is a universal phenomenon



- Trawls, seines, hooks and lines, gillnets and driftnets and even lines of pots and creels take their toll on many species of animals, such as marine mammals, seabirds, turtles and nontarget fish species
- Worst affected are long-lived, slow breeding species such as whales, seals, turtles and albatrosses







- Bycatch is not the only threat to aquatic species listed by CMS and covered by its agreements, but for many species or populations it remains the most severe
- Addressing it effectively requires collaboration between all relevant stakeholders, and significant improvements in monitoring and mitigation



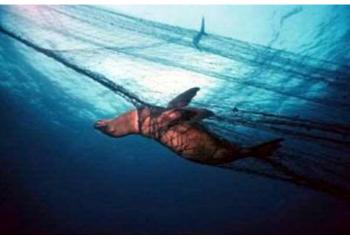








- The CMS COP adopted several resolutions bycatch over the years
- These were consolidated in Doc.21.2.4



- In order to simplify this very complex consolidation and incorporate recent developments, Doc.24.4.4 proposes revisions to the consolidated version
- Proposed new text is <u>underlined</u>
- Text to be deleted is crossed out
- Existing, already adopted, text should not be renegotiated







 Changes to the preamble: to shorten, update and make applicable to all affected species covered by (



• Clear structuring of operative part was introduced:

Participation in Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (for those Parties also party to RFMOs)

Bycatch Mitigation Methods and Data Collection

Collaboration and Cooperation

Technological and Financial Assistance

Textual changes mostly to remove repetition, clarify intent and update









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