

## **Appendix 15**

### **Specifications for Seabird Mitigation Measures in the IATTC Convention Area**

#### **1.a. Tori lines**

- i. Minimum length: 100 m
- ii. Must be attached to the vessel such that it is suspended from a point a minimum of 5 m above the water at the stern on the windward side of the point where the hookline enters the water.
- iii. Must be attached so that the aerial extent is maintained over the sinking baited hooks.
- iv. Streamers must be less than 5m apart, be using swivels and long enough so that they are as close to the water as possible.
- v. If the tori line is less than 150 m in length, must have a towed object attached to the end so that the aerial extent is maintained over the sinking baited hooks.
- vi. If two (i.e. paired) tori lines are used, the two lines must be deployed on opposing sides of the main line.

#### **1.b. Tori line (light streamer)**

- i. Minimum length of tori line: 100 m or three times the total length of the vessel.
- ii. Must be attached to the vessel such that it is suspended from a point a minimum of 5 m above the water at the stern on the windward side of a point where the hookline enters the water.
- iii. Must be attached so that the aerial extent is maintained over the sinking baited hooks.
- iv. Streamers must be less than 1m apart and be 30 cm in minimum length.
- v. If two (i.e. paired) tori lines are used, the two lines must be deployed on opposing sides of the main line.

#### **2. Night setting**

- i. No setting between local sunrise and one hour after local sunset.
- ii. Deck lighting to be kept to a minimum, noting requirements for safety and navigation.

#### **3. Weighted branch lines**

- i. Following minimum weight specifications are required:
- ii. Minimum weights attached to all branch lines is 45 g, with the following options:
  - less than 60 g weight attached to within 1 m of the hook; or
  - greater than 60 g and less than 98 g weight attached to within 3.5 ms of the hook; or
  - greater than 98 g weight attached to within 4 m of the hook.

#### **4. Blue dyed bait**

- i. The IATTC Secretariat shall distribute a standardized color placard.
- ii. All bait must be dyed to the shade shown in the placard.

#### **5. Management of offal discharge**

- No offal discharge during setting or hauling; or
- Strategic offal discharge from the opposite side of the boat to setting/hauling to actively encourage birds away from baited hooks.