

Kobe II Bycatch Workshop: Potential Issues for Discussions on Day 2

<p>Moderator-led Discussion 1: Improving assessment of bycatch within and among T-RFMOs <i>Samuel Quaatay (Ghana)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the appropriate role of the T-RFMOs in assessing the impact of tuna fisheries on relevant bycatch taxa? • What are the assessment tools needed by T-RFMOs? • How can T-RFMOs improve reporting on incidents of bycatch? • How can T-RFMOs improve their institutional capacity to collect and analyze bycatch data both individually and cooperatively? • What are the benefits of standardizing bycatch data collection protocols across T-RFMOs? What are the challenges? What steps would be required to standardize bycatch data collection protocols? • How can observer programs be better coordinated both within and across RFMOs? How can data from observers better inform the development and implementation of management measures? • Are there non-tuna RFMOs and IGOs with expertise in assessing the impact of fisheries on bycatch species that would be useful to the tuna RFMOs?
<p>Moderator-led Discussion 2: Improving ways to mitigate/reduce bycatch within and among T-RFMOs <i>Laurent Dagorn (France)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the critical elements to an effective bycatch mitigation measure? • What are the primary obstacles to identifying and applying effective mitigation measures across T-RFMOs? • Have existing bycatch related conservation measures been evaluated for effectiveness? If not, how can T-RFMOs do so? • How should T-RFMOs prioritize the development and implementation of bycatch mitigation measures across taxa? Across gear types? Across fisheries? • What are the benefits to standardizing bycatch mitigation measures across the RFMOs? Challenges? • What are some economic incentives that T-RFMOs can implement to reduce bycatch? • Are there non-tuna RFMOs and IGOs with expertise in mitigating bycatch that would be useful to the tuna RFMOs?
<p>Moderator-led Discussion 3: Improving cooperation and coordination across T-RFMOs <i>Sylvie LaPointe (Canada)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do the T-RFMOs cooperate at the moment on bycatch mitigation, if at all? E.g. MOUs, similar resolutions, communication etc. • What options are there for better harmonization of tuna RFMOs in bycatch mitigation? Is information sharing enough or could there be something more substantive considered, like a joint working group, for example? • What are the pros/cons of each option? • What are potential recommendations to put forward from K2B?