Guidance, Extensions and Educational Activities about Ecologically Related Species

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Guidance, extension and education programs have been carried out in Taiwan for the better understanding of the conservation issues for seabird, shark and sea turtle incidentally taken by the tuna longline fishery. The programs aim at improving the understanding of the problem resulting from incidental catch of seabirds by the longline fisheries and the use of mitigation measures, economic utilization and conservation of sharks in Taiwan and the release method of incidental catch of sea turtle. The programs include educational curricula, and guidelines disseminated through VCD, handbooks, brochures, posters and identification sheets for ecologically related species. The following materials were distributed to fishers, longline fishing vessels owners, Tuna Boat-owners Association, fisheries managers, conservationists and other interested members of the public:

- 1. An educational booklet "Catching fish, not birds Co-existence between Fisheries and Seabirds".
- 2. Identification Sheets for seabirds.
- 3. Poster for the release method of incidental catches of sea birds and its avoidance.(*)
- 4. Brochure on Save the Albatross: Keeping the World's Seabirds off the Hook.
- 5. VCD Economic utilization and conservation of sharks in Taiwan.(*)
- 6. Brochure on the shark fisheries in Taiwan and polices on shark conservation and management.
- 7. Identification Sheets for pelagic sharks.
- 8. Posters for identification of pelagic sharks.
- 9. Brochure on the release method for incidental catches of sea turtle.
- 10. Identification Sheets for sea turtles.
- 11. Pamphlets "Seafood and Sea Turtle" for educating fishers the concept of conservation of sea turtles.
- 12. The shark fisheries in Taiwan and policies on shark conservation and management. (*)
- 13. Shark Fishery in Taiwan.(*)
- * Distributed to Head of Delegations presented in ERSWG5.







