

WGBYC

Working Group on Bycatch of Protected Species



Human Activities, Pressures and Impacts Steering Group (HAPISG)

RESEARCH FOCUS

- Collating and assessing information on the bycatch of protected, endangered, or threatened species of marine mammals, seabirds, marine turtles, and sensitive fish species in commercial fishing operations.
- Evaluating the impacts of bycatch on affected populations.
- Reviewing the suitability of existing at-sea monitoring programmes and bycatch mitigation efforts.
- Our work forms the backbone of ICES bycatch advice.

OUR OBJECTIVE

To improve understanding of the effects of bycatch on sensitive species populations at scales that are biologically relevant.

We do this by estimating bycatch rates and producing mortality estimates which can be compared against sustainability thresholds.

We also carry out work to inform on suitable bycatch monitoring and mitigation approaches.

OUR EXPERTISE

- Bycatch monitoring and mortality estimation.
- Fishing gear technology and bycatch mitigation.
- Population dynamics and ecology of bycaught species.
- Statistical analysis and modelling.
- Fisheries management and policy.

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