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Dear Dr. Franco,

As per Resolution C-19-04 “Resolution to Mitigate Impacts on Sea Turtles,” I am writing to submit the annual report on sea turtles for 2025.

With regard to paragraph 4.a.i and 4.a.iii of the said Resolution, we would like to report that there have been no changes to Taiwan’s laws, regulations, and other instruments in place in that regard. Domestic regulations have been promulgated to require that any longline fishing vessel operating in the Pacific Ocean and fishing with the majority of hooks at a depth shallower than 100 meters must use the following mitigation measures:

1. Large circle hooks shall be used; or
2. Fish, except for cephalopod species, shall be used as bait.

As for paragraph 4.a.ii of the said Resolution, the required minimum data on observed sea turtle interactions have been included in the observer data we submitted to the Secretariat on June 24 this year.

Best regards,

Ming-Fen Wu

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Chinese Taipei Commissioner to the IATTC