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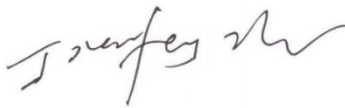
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## **Subject: Annual report on the implementation of C-19-04 by China for 2025**

Sea turtles are one of the bycatch species in the Chinese longline fishery in the EPO. We attach great importance to the management of sea turtles. In accordance with the *Notification on the Issuance of the Implementation Elements for the Eastern Pacific Tuna Fisheries* [Nongyuyuanhan (2024) No. 182], all fishing vessels shall avoid catching sea turtles incidentally whenever possible. All longline vessels shall equip de-hookers on board, and use circle hooks to the extent practicable, to minimize harm to incidentally caught sea turtles. If a fishing vessel incidentally catches sea turtles, it shall release them cautiously following the handling and release guidelines. China has no surface longline vessels operating in the EPO.

Twenty-seven observers were sent to our longline vessels operating in the EPO in 2025. According to the observer data, no sea turtles were recorded during 2025.

Regards,



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Commissioner to the IATTC