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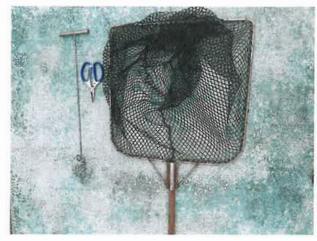
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## **RES C 19-04 TURTLES**

In accordance with paragraph 4 of Resolution C-19-04, we hereby provide you with the progress of the implementation of the Resolution as follows:

- a) All VU-flagged longline vessels are required to carry the de-hookers, line cutters, and scoop nets (see the below photo) on board for the release of incidentally caught sea turtles.
- b) All VU-flagged longline vessels are required to use large circle hooks or finfish for bait when operating in a shallow-set manner.



c) All VU-flagged longline vessels are required to release or discard any sea turtle incidentally caught and record it on the e-logbook system.

Your acknowledgement and consideration of the information is highly appreciated.

