

**EUROPEAN UNION REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF  
IATTC RESOLUTION C-11-02 ON SEABIRDS  
FOR LONGLINE VESSELS IN 2025**

## **1. Purpose**

The objective of this report is to report on implementation in 2025 by the European Union (EU) of its obligations under Resolution C-11-02 on mitigating the impacts of IATTC fisheries on seabirds. The report presents information on the mitigation measures implemented by the EU longline fleet and information on interactions with seabirds involving EU vessels, including bycatches of seabirds, data on seabird species and relevant information from observer programme and other monitoring programmes.

## **2. Regulatory framework for the mitigation of bycatch of seabirds by longline vessels**

### **2.1. International and EU framework**

- IATTC Resolution C-11-02: *Resolution to Mitigate the Impacts on Seabirds of Fishing for Species covered by the IATTC* mandating that CPCs implement measures to reduce seabirds bycatch and mortality.
- Regulation (EU) 2021/56 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 January 2021 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention area and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007. Article 15 sets out obligations on Union fishing vessels concerning the protection of seabirds to implement IATTC Resolution C-11-02.
- FAO International Plan of Action for Reducing the Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries (“IPOA-Seabirds”).

### **2.2. National rules and regulations**

Measures to mitigate impacts on seabirds are included in the fishing authorisations (“Authorisations of the Foreign Fleet” (AFE)) issued by Spain’s General Secretariat for Fisheries. AFEs are the mandatory authorization that Spanish longline vessels must have to exercise fishing activities. AFEs contain annexes that set require vessels to comply with the conservation and management measures adopted by the regional fisheries management organisations of which the EU is a member and where the vessel is authorised to fish. The mandatory provisions set out in these Annexes include the implementation of measures necessary to record interactions with seabirds. In addition, Article 19 of Spain’s Order AAA/658/2014 of 22 April 2014 regulating surface longline gear fishing for highly migratory species and creating a unified surface longline census, lays down rules on seabirds.

## **3. Seabird mitigation measures implemented by EU longline vessels operating in the Eastern Pacific Ocean in 2025**

The following mitigation measures were used by the EU longline fleet in 2025 to mitigate interactions with seabirds in the IATTC Convention Area:

**Table 1.** Mitigation measures for seabirds applied by Spanish LL vessels in 2025

Vessel ID	Vessel Name	Night setting with minimum deck lighting	tori-lines	Weighted branch lines	Side-setting with bird curtains and weighted branch lines	Underwater setting chute	Blue-dyed bait	Management of offal discharge	Deep-setting line shooter
27794	AMENCER DOUS	X	X					X	
21571	BALUEIRO SEGUNDO	X	X					X	
25473	BONDAÑA			X				X	
25536	BOUSO	X	X	X					
25500	COSTA AZUL UNO	X		X				X	
25776	COYO CINCO	X	X	X					X
27045	COYO SEPTIMO	X	X	X					X
24809	ECCE HOMO DIVINO	X	X			X		X	
26647	ECCE HOMO GLORIOSO	X	X			X		X	
27812	ECLIPSE CUATRO	X	X	X					
22405	FRANIVAN	X	X					X	
26485	GLACIAL	X	X	X					
26791	HESPER	X		X				X	
25542	ILLA GAVEIRA	X	X	X				X	X
25644	MAR ARAL	X	X	X					
25864	MAR DE CRETA	X	X	X					
100053	MAR DE ESCOCIA	X	X	X					
25873	MARGUEL	X	X					X	
26761	MARIANE	X		X					
23382	NOVO XEIXAL	X	X					X	
24508	NUEVO JOSMARU	X	X					X	
26861	NUEVO MONTE VENTOSO	X	X					X	
26004	NUEVO PLEAMAR	X	X					X	
24610	O GALOPIN	X	X					X	
24186	OLEAJE	X	X					X	
25952	PEDRA DA GRELO	X	X	X				X	
23302	PEDRO XIBANO	X	X					X	
25809	PICO TREMARE S	X	X	X				X	X

25556	PLAYA MUIÑO VELLO	X		X			X		
24967	PUNTAL DE AGUETE		X	X					X
23528	RAMSES DOUS	X	X	X					
15778	RIO LANDRO	X	X					X	
15824	RUNO	X	X						
24862	SALAIÑO			X				X	
24441	SIEMPRE JUAN LUIS	X	X					X	
27797	SOCYO	X	X					X	
26780	TALASA	X		X				X	
10258	TEMIS PRIMERO	X		X				X	
25564	YANQUE	X	X	X					

**Table 2.** Mitigation measures for seabirds applied by Portuguese LL vessels in 2025

Vessel ID	Vessel Name	Night setting with minimum deck lighting	tori-lines	Weighted branch lines	Side-setting with bird curtains and weighted branch lines	Under water setting chute	Blue-dyed bait	Management of offal discharge	Deep-setting line shooter
PRT000 023097	BALUEIRO	X	X (B)	X					
PRT000 019088	HEMISFÉRIO NORTE	X	X (A+B)	X	X	X		X	X
PRT000 022914	AVÔ MÚSICO	X	X (A+B)	X					
PRT000 023398	MAR DE JAVA	X	X (A+B)	X					

#### 4. Interactions with / sightings of seabirds in 2025

In 2025, a total of 11 trips by Spanish LL vessels and 1 trip by a Portuguese vessel were observed in the IATTC Convention Area, of which 5 by human observers and 6 with electronic monitoring.

No interactions with seabirds were observed.