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ANNEX II

Bird scaring lines specifications

Two bird scaring lines shall be carried at all times and shall be deployed whenever fishing gear is being set from the vessel. In particular:

- (a) bird scaring lines shall be attached to the vessel so that when deployed the baits are protected by the streamer line, even in cross winds;
- (b) bird scaring lines shall use brightly coloured streamers long enough to reach the sea surface in calm conditions ('long streamers') placed at intervals of no more than 5 m for at least the first 55 m of streamer line and shall be attached to the line with swivels that prevent streamers from wrapping around the line;
- (c) bird scaring lines may also use streamers a minimum of 1 m in length ('short streamers') placed at intervals of no more than 1 m;
- (d) if bird scaring lines breaks or is damaged while in use, they shall be repaired or replaced so that the vessel meets these specifications before any further hooks enter the water;
- (e) bird scaring lines shall be deployed so that:
 - (i) they remain above the water surface when the hooks have sunk to a depth of 15 m, or
 - (ii) they have a minimum length of 150 m when extended and suspended from a point on the vessel at least 7 m above the water in the absence of swell.

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