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### ANNEX XIII

# MITIGATION MEASURES TO REDUCE INCIDENTAL CATCHES OF SENSITIVE SPECIES

The following measures to monitor and reduce incidental catches of sensitive species shall apply:

- 1. The measures set out in Parts A, B and C.
- 2. [<sup>F1</sup>A fisheries administration must] take the necessary steps to collect scientific data on incidental catches of sensitive species.
- 3. [<sup>F2</sup>As a result of scientific evidence, validated by ICES or a similar independent scientific body recognised at international level, of negative impacts of fishing gear on sensitive species, a fisheries administration may, by regulations made under Article 15, provide for additional mitigation measures for the reduction of incidental catches of the concerned species or in a concerned area.]
- 4. [<sup>F3</sup>A fisheries administration must] monitor and assess the effectiveness of the mitigation measures established under this Annex.

# **Textual Amendments**

- **F1** Words in Annex 13 point 2 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), **5(39)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2 Annex 13 point 3 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), **5(39)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- **F3** Words in Annex 13 point 4 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), **5(39)(c)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

# PART A

### Cetaceans

- 1. Fisheries in which the use of acoustic deterrent devices is mandatory
- 1.1. It shall be prohibited for vessels with an overall length of 12 m or more to use the fishing gear in specific areas as defined below without the simultaneous use of active acoustic deterrent devices.

| Area                  | Gear   |
|-----------------------|--|
| F4                    | F4   |
|                       |  |
| F4                    | F4   |
|                       |  |
| ICES sub-area 4<br>F5 | Any bottom-set gill net or entangling net, or<br>combination of these nets, the total length of<br>which does not exceed 400 m |

|                                      | Any bottom-set gillnet or entangling net $\geq$ 220 mm |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| ICES divisions 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h and 7j | Any bottom-set gillnet or entangling net               |
| ICES division 7d                     | Any bottom-set gillnet or entangling net               |

# **Textual Amendments**

- F4 Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 1.1 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), 5(39)(d)(i)(aa); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- **F5** Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 1.1 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), **5(39)(d)(i)(bb)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- 1.2. Point 1.1 shall not apply to fishing operations conducted solely for the purpose of scientific investigation which are carried out with the authorisation and under the authority of the [<sup>F6</sup>fisheries administration] concerned and which aim at developing new technical measures to reduce the incidental capture or killing of cetaceans.

# **Textual Amendments**

- F6 Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 1.2 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), 5(39)(d)(ii); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- 1.3. [<sup>F7</sup>A fisheries administration must] take necessary steps to monitor and assess by means of scientific studies or pilot projects, the effects of acoustic deterrent device use over time in the fisheries and areas concerned.

# **Textual Amendments**

- F7 Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 1.3 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), 5(39)(d)(iii); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- 2. Fisheries to be monitored
- 2.1. Monitoring schemes shall be undertaken on an annual basis and established for vessels <sup>F8</sup>... with an overall length of 15 m or more to monitor cetacean by-catch, for the fisheries and under the conditions defined below.

| Area                          | Gear  |
|-------------------------------|---|
| ICES sub-areas 6, 7 and 8     | Pelagic trawls (single and pair)  |
| F9                            | F9  |
|                               |   |
| ICES divisions 6a, 7a,<br>F10 | Bottom-set gillnet or entangling nets using mesh sizes equal to or greater than 80 mm |

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| ICES sub area 4, ICES division 6a, and ICES<br>sub-area 7<br>FII | Driftnets                        |
|--|----------------------------------|
| ····   |                                  |
| [ <sup>F12</sup> ICES sub-area 4]                                | Pelagic trawls (single and pair) |
| ICES sub-areas 6, 7, 8<br>F13                                    | High-opening trawls              |
| F14  | F14                              |
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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F9 Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 2.1 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), 5(39)(d)(v) (aa); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F10 Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 2.1 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), 5(39)(d)(v) (bb); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F11 Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 2.1 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), 5(39)(d)(v) (cc); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- **F12** Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 2.1 table substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), **5(39)(d)(v)(dd)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F13 Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 2.1 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), 5(39)(d)(v) (ee); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F14 Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 2.1 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), 5(39)(d)(v)(ff); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F8 Words in Annex 13 Pt. A point 2.1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), 5(39)(d)(iv); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- 2.2. Point 2.1 shall not apply to fishing operations conducted solely for the purpose of scientific investigation which are carried out with the authorisation and under the authority of the [<sup>F15</sup>fisheries administration] concerned and which aim at developing new technical measures to reduce the incidental capture or killing of cetaceans.

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### PART B

# Seabirds

Where the data referred to in point 2 of the introductory paragraph of this Annex indicate a level of incidental catches of seabirds in specific fisheries which constitutes a serious threat to the conservation status of those seabirds, [<sup>F16</sup>a fisheries administration must require the use of] bird scaring lines and/or weighted lines, if it is scientifically proven that such use has a conservation benefit in that area, and where practical and beneficial shall set longlines during the hours of darkness with the minimum of deck lighting necessary for safety.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F16** Words in Annex 13 Pt. B substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), **5(39)(e)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

# F17PART C

### **Marine turtles**

1. .....

### **Textual Amendments**

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