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REVIEW OF RESOLUTION 12/04 ON THE CONSERVATION OF MARINE TURTLES

Call for data submissions and review papers for the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (WPEB)

In 2017 the WPEB was requested by the Commission to review the mitigation measures in Resolution 12/04 *On the conservation of marine turtles* as scheduled in the annual programme of work. Given the lack of available information with which to conduct the review, the WPEB13 recommended that a specific data call is carried out with a request for CPCs to submit information on marine turtle bycatch to the Secretariat in order to provide preliminary information for a review of the effectiveness of Resolution 12/04 as requested by the Commission.

To assist with standardisation of data submissions, CPCs are requested to complete the following table, including data for time/area strata where zero turtle bycatch was recorded. Data should be obtained from logbooks and/or observer programmes, where appropriate, and should cover the period 2008 to 2017, where information is available. Datasets should clearly indicate the source of data.

Year	Fishery			Observed **				
	Lat*	Lon	Total effort	Total effort observed	Species	Captures (number)	Mortalities (number)	Live releases (number)

NB: Effort units should be appropriate for the gear type, i.e., hooks or sets for LL and sets of fishing days for purse seine or gillnet fleets and fishing days for pole and line fleets.

*The resolution should be consistent with the standard data requirements (i.e. 5°x5° for longline and 1°x1° for surface fisheries)

**Indicate data source (e.g. logbooks or observer data)

Data submitted to the IOTC under this data call are subject to Resolution 12/02 *Data confidentiality policy and procedures*. The deadline for submission will be 30th June 2018 as requested by the WPEB13, following the standard data reporting deadlines for IOTC.