

# Implementation of Best Practices Manuals according to fishing gear (Action C1)

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#### ACTION C.1: Implementation of Best Practices Manuals according to fishing gear

#### Introduction

The present action aimed to implement of the Best Practices Manuals developed in Action A.4 in the different fisheries.

The work plan included meetings with Producers Organizations (PO) leaders, PO technical staff, boat captains and crew to present and discuss the Best Practice Manuals and to discuss practical solutions for their implementation. Short questionnaires were handed out to fishers during the meetings held between the project and PO members and in contacts with individual fishers. The aim of these questionnaires was to have a sense of fishers' opinion on the mitigation measures suggested in the Best Practice Manuals.

The trials to evaluate the use of Best Practice Manuals were carried out in the same vessels that implemented mitigation measures (e.g. deterrent devices). The results of the monitoring of these vessels are reported in the deliverable of action C.2.

#### Methodology

During 2013 and 2014 the implementation of Best Practice Manuals was carried out in meetings with PO leaders, boat skippers and crews. An effort was made to cover the fisheries that had more interactions and accidental by-catch of cetaceans and seabirds (according to results of action A.3) and to go to the main regions where those fisheries operate. In the meetings, MarPro team members with expertise on seabirds, cetaceans and fisheries presented briefly the project, informed fishers about interactions with cetaceans and seabirds in Portuguese fisheries (results of action A.3) and presented the measures and practices recommended in Best Practice Manuals to reduce interactions and accidental by-catches (Annex 1- Example of powerpoints presented in meetings). Presentations were followed by a discussion on interactions and mitigation measures and in the end of meetings participants were asked to fill the questionnaires.

In the executive meeting of 24 January 2014, MarPro partners re-visited the strategy to implement meetings and best practices/mitigation measures in the different fisheries, taking into account the results of actions A.2 and A.3 and the experience gained during 2013. In particular, we realized the difficulty to promote meetings with the artisanal fishery as fishers are not generally organized in associations. Moreover, the artisanal fishery is very diverse in terms of vessel types and gears used and has a large number of fishers spread over the whole coast. Therefore, for artisanal fisheries, we agreed to disseminate and discuss the Best Practice Manuals approaching fishers and skippers individually.

The questionnaires handed out to fishers during the meetings held between the project and PO members and in contacts with individual fishers are presented in Annex 2.

#### Results

#### Meetings and individual contacts

The project partners carried out meetings and individual contacts with 361 persons linked to the main Portuguese fisheries during the project, 18 PO representatives and 343 fishers (including skippers and crew members) (Table 1). 15 meetings were organized throughout the country with the participation of 90 PO representatives and fishermen. In these meetings, the project partners presented the Best Practice Manuals and discussed with fishers their implementation in the different fisheries and areas (Table 2, see also photos in annex 3). During 2016 and 2017, the project partners promoted individual (in person) contacts with more than 200 fishers, mainly boat skippers from artisanal fisheries in Peniche/Nazaré and Algarve and from purse seine in Peniche. The meetings and individual contacts were also very useful to identify the major concerns of fishermen and PO leaders regarding cetaceans and seabirds.

Fishery	Region	PO Leaders	Fishermen (skippers/crew)	Total by fishery
	North	6	22	
Purse seine	Centre	2	27	
	South	2	21	80
	North	4	10	
Artisanal	Centre	1	218	
	South	1	25	259
	North	1	10	
Beach Seine	Centre	1	10	22
Total		18	343	361

Table 1 – Number of PO leaders and fishermen that participated in meetings and in person contacts with the project team.

			Number of	
Target public	Meeting place	Sate	participants	Fishery
Leader of the Fishermen Association	Costa da Caparica	30/05/2013		1 Beach seine
Skippers	Costa da Caparica e Fonte da Telha	20/06/2013		4 Beach seine
Skippers	Costa da Caparica e Fonte da Telha	04/07/2013		2 Beach seine
PO leaders	PO SESIBAL (Sines e Setúbal)	22/08/2013		2 Purse seine
Skippers	Costa da Caparica e Fonte da Telha	12/09/2013		4 Beach seine
PO leaders	PO APARA (Aveiro)	05/09/2013		2 Purse seine
PO leaders	IPMA-Algés	19/09/2013		8 Purse seine
PO leaders	PO Centrolitoral (Figueira da Foz)	04/10/2013		1 Purse seine
PO members (skippers)	PO Olhãopescas (Olhão and Tavira)	12/12/2013	1	11 Purse seine 1 Artisanal
	PO Barlapescas (Portimão and			
PO members (skippers)	Lagos)	13/12/2013		10 Purse seine
Fishermen association (skippers)	AAPSV (Sines)	21/02/2014	1	10 Artisanal 4 Purse seine
	PO Propeixe, Apara and Vianapesca (Matosinhos Aveiro and Figueira da			
PO members (skippers)	Foz)	07/03/2014		14 Purse seine
	Vila Praia de Âncora, Castelo do			
Leaders of Fishermen Associations	Neiva, Esposende, Vila Chã	17/06/2014		4 Artisanal
Fishermen (PO Vianapesca)	Viana do Castelo	29/10/2014	1	10 Artisanal
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PO representative	CAPA (Peniche)	24/11/2014		1 Artisanal
Skipper	Peniche	30/07/2015		1 Artisanal
Skippers/fishermen	Mire and Equiphe beaches, in person	2016		Artisanal
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Skippers/fishermen	Contacts	30/10/2014		10 Beach seine
Skippers/fishermen	Peniche, in person contacts	2015		92 Artisanal
Skippers/fishermen	Peniche, in person contacts	2015		6 Articenel
Skippers/fishermen	Peniche, in person contacts	2010	(	10 Duras asing
Skippers/fishermen	A loop in person contacts	2010	-	10 Pulse selle
Skippers/fishermen	Algarve, in person contacts	2017	4	24 Alusallal
Skippers/fishermen	Panisha in person contacts	2017	-	Artisanal
Skippers/fishermen	Peniche, in person contacts	2017		33 Artisanal

Table 2 – List of meetings and in person contacts with PO leaders and fishermen to present and discuss the Best Practice Manuals.

#### Questionnaires

Questionnaires were filled mostly by skippers (285 out of 288) and from the artisanal fisheries (246 questionnaires were filled by fishers of artisanal fisheries and 42 questionnaires were filled by purse seiner fishers). In both fleets, fishers reported that different types of animals get entangled in their fishing devices (Figure C.1.1). In artisanal fisheries the most reported species are seabirds (~20%) while in the purse seine fishery marine mammals are the most reported to get entangled (45%). Turtles were reported by both fisheries in similar percentages (14% in the artisanal and 12% in the purse seine). A

great number of artisanal fishers (50%) reported that no animals get entangled in their fishing devices, while in the purse seine fishery only 23% report that no animals get entangled.



Figure C.1.1 – What type of animal gets entangled in the fishing devices?

Some of the practices recommended in the manuals to avoid interactions are already used by fishers (Table C.1.1). Regarding the practice of communicating the presence of dolphins or seabirds to other skippers, a significant difference between these the two fleets was found (X-squared = 40.327, df = 2, p-value < 0.05). While 45.2% of fishers from the purse seine fleet reported that they already use this measure because they believe that it is efficient, only 8.6% of the fishers from the artisanal fleet implement this measure mainly because they believe its not efficient (46.7%). This is due to the speed of the animals and the fact that the majority of the fishing devices used by them is static. However, 37.5% of fishers from the artisanal fishery reported that they are willing to use it in the future.

Table C.1.1 – Communicate presence of cetaceans/seabirds to other vessels.

Fleet	Answer	Already in use?	Is it efficient?	Willing to use it?
Artisanal	Yes	8.6	53.3	-
Purse seine		45.2	100	-
Artisanal	No	90.6	-	37.5
Purse seine		54.8	-	-

Another avoidance practice in use by the purse seine fishers (21%) is surveillance (Table C.1.2) because they believe it is efficient. They usually use the sonar to detect unusual behaviour of fish schools that are commonly associated with the presence of cetaceans. None of the interviewed artisanal fishers uses this measure. A significance difference between the two fishing fleets was found (X-squared = 82.257, df = 2, p-value < 0.05). The majority of fishers that don't use this measure are willing to use it in the future (66.7% of the purse seine fishers and 25% of the artisanal fishers).

Table C.1.2 - Surveillance of the fishing area to avoid encounters.

Fleet	Answer	Already in use?	Is it efficient?	Willing to use it?
Artisanal	Yes	0.0		-
Purse seine		33.3	100	-
Artisanal	No	99.6	-	25.0
Purse seine		66.7	-	66.7

Regarding the use of pingers (Table C.1.3), a significance difference between the two fishing fleets was found (X-squared = 24.81, df = 2, p-value < 0.05). 9.8% of the purse seine fishers reported to use pingers and from these 33.3% believe that they are not very efficient and 66.7% believe they are. Some of those that don't use this measure yet are willing to use them in the future (77.8%) while others admit that they are not interested in using them. In the artisanal fishery none of the fishers uses this practice but are willing to use it (69.6%) if they don't interfere with captures and some say they would have to be given to them considering the high costs in face of the profit of the fishery.

Table C.1.3 - Use of pingers to minimize cetacean by-catch.

Fleet	Answer	Already in use?	Is it efficient?	Willing to use it?
Artisanal	Yes	0.0		-
Purse seine		9.8	66.7	-
Artisanal	No	98.4	-	69.6
Purse seine		90.2	-	77.8

Only one skipper (0.4%) from the artisanal fishery has ever used streamlines or other measures to deter seabirds, which makes this the least used practice to avoid interactions (Table C.1.4). None of the skippers from the purse seine have ever used this practice but 37.5% are willing to try it out. In the artisanal fleet 30% of the fishers that don't use this measure are willing to try it out.

Table C.1.4 - Use of streamlines to scare seabirds.

Fleet	Answer	Already in use?	Is it efficient?	Willing to use it?
Artisanal	Yes	0.4	100.0	-
Purse seine		0.0		-
Artisanal	No	99.6		30.0
Purse seine		100.0		37.5

In regards to measures that only apply to the purse seine fishery (Table C.1.5):

19% reported that they avoid or even interrupt fishing operations when they sight a group of animals nearby the fishing vessels. All believe that this it an efficient measure. Only 4% of the fishers that don't use this measure reported that they are not willing to use this measure in the future. The remaining 96% didn't reply.

The avoidance of slipping is a practice already in use by 14.3% of skippers. 81% reported that they don't use it and while 8.8% are not willing to use this measure the others didn't reply to this question.

23.8% reported that they interrupt fishing operations to release any entangled animals and believe that either it is an efficient measure (70%), not very effective (10%) or not effective at all (10%). From the skippers that don't use this measure yet, only 6.2% reported that they're willing to try it in the future although 93.8% didn't reply to this question.

Finally, 92.9% of the purse seine skippers don't use stretchers to release cetaceans. Some are willing to use it in the future (15.4%) but others say they're not (2.6%). 66.7% of the skippers that already use this measure state that it is an effective measure.

	Yes	No	NA
Avoid or even interrupt op	eration when groups	of animals ar	e sighted nearby
Already in use?	19.0	59.5	21.4
Is it efficient?	100		
Willing to use it?		4.0	96.0
Avoid slipping			
Already in use?	14.3	81.0	4.8
Is it efficient?	50.0		50.0
Willing to use it?		8.8	91.2
Interrupt the operation to	release entangled an	imals	
Already in use?	23.8	76.2	0.0
Is it efficient?	70.0	10.0	10.0
Willing to use it?		6.2	93.8
Release cetaceans using a s	tretcher		
Already in use?	7.1	92.9	0.0
Is it efficient?	66.7		33.3
Willing to use it?	15.4	2.6	82.1

Table C.1.5 - Results of the questionnaires filled by purse seine skippers.

Only 2.6% of the longline fisheries fishers uses measures to avoid the attraction of dolphins or seabirds to the bait and none are willing to use it in the future.

#### Conclusions

As planned, a broad dissemination and discussion of the Best Practice Manuals with fishermen and PO representatives was accomplished in this action: the meetings and individual contacts had the participation of more than 350 persons (18 PO representatives and 343 boast skippers/fishers) connected to the fisheries that had higher interactions with cetaceans and seabirds. Fishers generally agreed with the practices recommended in the Manuals and either already used them or were willing to follow them in the future. In some cases, fishers provided specific suggestions that will facilitate the practical use of mitigation measures (e.g. pingers).

#### Annex 1 – Example of powerpoints presented in meetings with fishermen

Annex 2 – Questionnaires

Annex 3 - Pictures: meetings with PO leaders and members (fishers and skippers)

Veleiro Santa Maria Manuela

Festival dos Oceanos

Marina do parque das nações

5 de Agosto

21.00 horas

Conservação de espécies marinhas protegidas em Portugal continental





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### GOLFINHOS

## AVES MARINHAS

Indicam onde há peixe



GOLFINHOS

PESCA

Fornece alimento

# AVES MARINHAS



# PORQUE TEMOS QUE NOS PREOCUPAR ?

 Há espécies em perigo de extinção ou a diminuir de forma drástica

- As pescas com impacto nestas espécies começam a ser penalizadas
- No caso do cerco, a certificação do MSC exige que o impacto seja baixo



# MARPRO

Avaliar a situação

- Quais as pescarias em que há interferências ?
- Quais as espécies afetadas ?
- Qual o impacto da pesca nas espécies mais sensíveis ?
- Práticas a seguir para evitar a captura acidental
- Dispositivos para afastar os golfinhos e aves marinhas

Corrigir a situação

> Com a colaboração dos pescadores



MANUAL DE BOAS PRÁTICAS

Frota de arrasto





MANUAL DE BOAS PRÁTICAS

Frota polivalente

#### MANUAL DE BOAS PRÁTICAS - CERCO

para evitar a captura acidental de mamíferos e aves marinhas



MANUAL DE BOAS PRÁTICAS

Arte de Xávega

VERSÕES A MELHORAR COM OS VOSSOS CONTRIBUTOS



#### MANUAL DE BOAS PRÁTICAS

Frota de palangre de fundo

# PLANO DA REUNIÃO

- Aves marinhas e interações com a pesca do cerco (Nuno Oliveira, SPEA)
- Mamíferos marinhos e interações com a pesca do cerco (Ana Marçalo, Univ. Aveiro/CESAM)

Intervalo para café (15:30-16:00 h)

- Manual de Boas Práticas para a pesca do cerco
- Preenchimento de questionário e encerramento da reunião





# Aves marinhas e interações com a pesca do cerco e polivalente

Nuno Oliveira | SPEA









# Aves marinhas e pescadores, o que têm em comum?

- Passam a maior parte da sua vida no mar
- Grandes viajantes que percorrem dezenas ou mesmo centenas de milhas por dia
- Procuram peixe para se alimentarem ou alimentarem as suas famílias



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### Espécies de aves marinhas mais comuns











### Espécies de aves marinhas mais comuns









### O que foi feito até agora? 2010 - 2013

Inquéritos a mestres de pesca

Observadores a bordo

- 329 inquéritos
  - 49 a mestres do cerco
  - 244 a mestres da polivalente
- Características da frota
- Espécies de pescado capturadas
- Quais as principais espécies de aves capturadas acidentalmente
- Principais problemas identificados pelos pescadores
- O que fazem para evitar as interações

- 574 dias de embarque = 1300 lanços de pesca
  - •190 dias a bordo de cercadoras
  - •163 dias a bordo de polivalentes





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### Os resultados para o Cerco

- Estima-se que 2.000 a 26.000 aves sejam capturadas por ano só na pesca do cerco em Portugal;
- As principais espécies capturadas acidentalmente são a gaivota, a pardela-balear e o alcatraz;
- A mortalidade é de 50%;
- 30 pardelas observadas mortas nos embarques do cerco
- A principal causa de morte afugamento durante o fecho do cerco









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### Os resultados para a polivalente

- Dificuldade em aferir os valores para toda a frota devido às diferenças nos períodos de utilização de cada arte ao longo do ano
- As principais espécies capturadas acidentalmente são o alcatraz, gaivotas, torda-mergulheira, cagarra, pardela-balear, negrola, corvo-marinho e airo.
- 6 alcatraz capturados mortos nos embarques de pequenos palangreiros e 11 em redes
- O alcatraz tenta capturar o isco do anzol quando o aparelho é largado – principalmente no Outono



Mike Langman (rspb-images.com)







## A solução?

### Pescadores



#### +

### Investigadores



Menos aves marinhas capturadas

Menos tempo despendido a recolher as aves da arte

Menos custos

Todos ficam a ganhar



### Próximos passos

- Trabalhar em conjunto com os pescadores para encontrar soluções práticas que beneficiem ambas as partes
- Implementar o código de boas práticas e os manuais, e recolher informação dos pescadores para os melhorar
- Testar e implementar medidas que permitam reduzir o número de aves marinhas capturadas nas artes
  - Medidas operacionais
  - Alterações à arte
  - Alertar os outros pescadores
  - Comunicação com os técnicos do MarPro









## Muito Obrigado

- Pela vossa disponibilidade e contribuição ao longo destes últimos anos,
- Pela vossa presença aqui,
- O vosso apoio e ajuda é fundamental para a redução das capturas acidentais e para a manutenção de um mar saudável!





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## pescas



Ana Marçalo

## OBJETIVOS E COMPONENTES DE UM MBP



PESCA SUSTENTÁVEL/RESPONSÁVEL

RESOLVER PROBLEMAS COM ESPÉCIES PROTEGIDAS (CETÁCEOS/AVES MARINHAS/TARTARUGAS)

#### CONSERVAÇÃO

Diminuíção das interações e mortalidade dos animais

#### SOCIO-ECONÓMICO

Facilitar os pescadores: Evitar perdas de tempo e perdas económicas (danos nas artes e perdas de captura)

#### AÇÃO VOLUNTÁRIA DO SETOR/PESCADORES

SUSTENTABILIDADE PORTUGUESAS

DAS

PESCAS

# MANUAL DE BOAS PRÁTICAS



#### 1° Fase (2010-2012) - PREPARAÇÃO

- Deteção dos principais problemas observações abordo e inquéritos (2010-2012)
- Proposta de dispositivos de mitigação (medidas que diminuam problemas ou conflitos com espécies protegidas) ou alteração de manobras de pesca (2011-2012)
- 3. Apresentação de um documento esboço aos mestres e setor e obtenção do seu parecer ou aprovação (2012)

#### 2ª Fase (2013-2015)- PROMOÇÃO, DIVULGAÇÃO E IMPLEMENTAÇÃO

1. Distribuição, reuniões com o setor

2. Obtenção de feedback do pescadores: resultados da implementação de medidas de diminuição de conflitos entre espécies protegidas e as pescas

Cortina para aves similar às linhas espantadoras de aves, com raio de alcance é mais pequeno, pode ser constituída por uma a três varas que têm presas verticalmente fitas de várias cores. Estas varas podem ter entre 2 a 3 metros e podem ser colocadas no barco na zona de largada lateral ou então na zona de alagem do palangre (popa ou lateral) guando é frequente a remoção de peixe durante a recolha do palangre para bordo.

Lançamento Lateral: Tem a vantagem de quando o lançamento da linha é feito para a frente e próximo do barco, garante que quando a linha passa a popa barco já está a uma profundidade que dificulta a captura do isco pela aves. Esta técnica pode ser reforçada com o uso de uma cortina para aves.

Utilização de isco tingido: O objectivo desta medida é mascarar o isco e torná-lo menos visível para as aves. Tal processo é conseguido emergindo a lula ou o peixe descongelado em corantes alimentícios, os corantes azuis são os mais eficazes.

Utilização de isco descongelado: O isco descongelado tende a afundar-se mais rapidamente. Opte por deixar descongelar o isco antes de o usar.

Se operar numa zona onde as capturas acidentais são elevadas, pode implementar alterações nas artes de pesca ou usar sistemas de alerta que aumentam a detecção das artes de pesca.



#### MANUAL DE BOAS PRÁTICAS

#### Frota polivalente

- · Comunicar e registar em detalhe todas as situações de captura acidental.
- Actuar voluntariamente é evitar a imposição de regras desnecessárias.
- · A sustentabilidade da pesca polivalente em Portugal só pode ser conseguida com o apolo dos pescadores.
- · Para melhorar este Manual é fundamental ter a opinião dos profissionais do sector sobre a eficácia das práticas recomendadas e continuar a recolher dados sobre capturas acidentais.
- · Se capturar acidentalmente mamíferos, aves ou tartarugas marinhas informe a sua OP ou contacte directamente o projecto MarPro através da página da internet http://marprolife.org/ ou do facebook https://www.facebook.com/marprolife
- Se necessitar de apoio técnico ou se quiser colaborar em ensaios piloto de medidas de mitigação contacte o projecto MarPro.



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Golfinhos, balelas, focas, aves e cartanugas marinhas são espécies não-alivo da pesca, Soltinhos, buletas focas, aves e tantarugas mammas são especes nas-suvo da pesta. Der vezes capturness scientalmente e denoividas ao oceano, montas ou feridas. Evia per vezes capturasas acidentatmente e develvidas ao oceano, martas ou terdas. Esta captura acidental è um problema giabal das possas que reauta em despersicio de

O sector da pesca pode contribuir para diminuir as capturas acidentais de espècies o settor os pesca pose comirour para gimmar as caputas socientas de espec amaradas, trabalitando em colaboração com as emidades e organizações de investigação posqueira e de conservação da natureza. As solições populas em prácica voluntariamente pelos percadores são as que melhores ennesquaes, casocoantos em consorreção com en encon Investigação pesqueira e de conservação da nacureza.

resultados produzem.

Para garantir a sua sustentabilidade, e pesca polivalente deve cumprir pròxicas que Para garantir a sus sustenzabilisados, o pesca polívialemo deve cumprir praticas que eviden a morte actificada, de mamíferos, aves e eutros animais marieños que estão em

Redusindo as interacções com estas animais evitamese também as perturbações para Reduzindo as interacepas com estas animais evitament também as perturbações para a profeção betca, seja por canvo nas stres de pesca e no pescado concurado, seja pelo declinio su ameaçados de extinção. a propria pesca, seja por canos nas aries de pesca e no prescade captura tempo accescido em mandoras para libertar os animais presos na rede.

 Não usar paragres Rutuanies, abolados ou derivantes. nao usar paungres llutuantes, asociados ou derivantes.
Não usar rodes aboliadas ou alvoradas, nem rodes semi-derivantes. O que não devo fazer? Artes de emailhar • Utilização de sistemas acuaticos nas redes (pingers) para alerta de cetáceos, no minimo

1 pingor a cada 100 m de redo. • Antes de largar ou alar a rede, deixar cair um cabe com 1 pinger próximo da rede para

- alertar os animals. Unitzeción de redes acúaticas, mais focilmente detectivers pelo sonar dos ortáceos.



# MANUAL DE BOAS PRÁTICAS POLIVALENTE



- pela popa.

#### ARTES DE EMALHAR

 Utilização de sistemas acústicos nas redes para alertar cetáceos da presença da rede













ARTES DE EMALHAR

• RESULTADOS PRELIMINARES - PROJETO SAFESEA 2010



ARTES DE PALANGRE DEMERSAL

- Aumento de peso no palangre isco afunda mais rápidamente
- Cortina para aves
- Linha espantadora de aves
- Largada através de funil submerso
- Lançamento lateral
- Utilização de isco tingido mascarar/tornar menos visível
- Utilização de isco descongelado afunda mais rápidamente

#### Cortina para aves



Lançamento lateral com linha espantadora de de aves







O QUE NÃO DEVO FAZER:

#### ARTES DE EMALHAR/PALANGRE DEMERSAL

- NÃO USAR REDES/PALANGRES ABOIADOS OU ALVORADOS, NEM REDES SEMI-DERIVANTES
- CUMPRIR COM A LEGISLAÇÃO
  - Tamanho (altura e cumprimento) das sacadas
  - Número de sacadas permitido
  - Distância entre sacadas
  - Áreas de atuação
  - Malhagem
  - Tempos de calagem



#### <u>Se tiver uma ave ou uma tartaruga ferida ou debilitada:</u>

- Pode optar por trazer esse animal para terra para ser reabilitado.
  - Contactar a Capitania Local que posteriormente tratará de entrar em contacto com uma equipa de resgate e reabilitação que se deslocará ao porto para recolher o animal.
  - Os animais devem ser acondicionados num local calmo e onde não haja risco de se ferirem ainda mais.

MBP da pesca do cerco (boas práticas e mitigação)

# MARPRO

# COMO OS PESCADORES PODEM CONTINUAR A CONTRIBUIR E A AJUDAR:

- Aplicação de medidas sugeridas nos manuais de boas práticas
  - <u>Atuar voluntáriamente</u> é uma forma de se resolver o problema sem imposições desnecessárias
  - Registar coordenadas aonde aconteceu a captura acidental e comunicar a um técnico do MARPRO em terra ou à sua OP

A SUSTENTABILIDADE DA PESCA SÓ PODE SER CONSEGUIDA COM O APOIO DOS PESCADORES - COLABORE E CONFIE EM NÓS

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#### ACTION C.1: Implementation of Best Practices Manuals according to fishing gear

Short questionnaires were handed out to fishers during the meetings held between the project and PO members. The aim of these questionnaires was to have a sense of fishers' opinion on the mitigation measures suggested in the Best Practice Manuals. In this report data collected during 2016 was added. Questionnaires were filled mostly by skippers (285 out of 288) and from the artisanal fisheries (246 questionnaires were filled by fishers of artisanal fisheries and 42 questionnaires were filled by purse seiner fishers).

In both fleets, fishers reported that different types of animals get entangled in their fishing devices (Figure C.1.1). In artisanal fisheries the most reported species are seabirds (~20%) while in the purse seine fishery marine mammals are the most reported to get entangled (45%). Turtles were reported by both fisheries in similar percentages (14% in the artisanal and 12% in the purse seine). A great number of artisanal fishers (50%) reported that no animals get entangled in their fishing devices, while in the purse seine fishery only 23% report that no animals get entangled.





Some of the practices to avoid interactions are already used by fishers (Table C.1.1). Regarding the practice of communicating the presence of dolphins or seabirds to other skippers, a significance difference between these the two fleets was found (X-squared = 40.327, df = 2, p-value < 0.05). While 45.2% of fishers from the purse seine fleet reported that they already use this measure because they believe that it is efficient, only 8.6% of the fishers from the artisanal fleet implement this measure mainly because they believe its not efficient (46.7%). This is due to the speed of the animals and the fact that the majority of the fishing devices used by them is static. However, 37.5% of fishers from the artisanal fishery reported that they are willing to use it in the future.

Fleet	Answer	Already in use?	Is it efficient?	Willing to use it?
Artisanal	Yes	8.6	53.3	-
Purse seine		45.2	100	-
Artisanal	No	90.6	-	37.5
Purse seine		54.8	-	-

Table C.1.1 – Communicate presence of cetaceans/seabirds to other vessels.

Another avoidance practice in use by the purse seine fishers (21%) is surveillance (Table C.1.2) because they believe it is efficient. They usually use the sonar to detect unusual behaviour of fish schools that are commonly associated with the presence of cetaceans. None of the interviewed artisanal fishers uses this measure. A significance difference between the two fishing fleets was found (X-squared = 82.257, df = 2, p-value < 0.05). The majority of fishers that don't use this measure are willing to use it in the future (66.7% of the purse seine fishers and 25% of the artisanal fishers).

Fleet	Answer	Already in use?	Is it efficient?	Willing to use it?
Artisanal	Yes	0.0		-
Purse seine		33.3	100	-
Artisanal	No	99.6	-	25.0
Purse seine		66.7	-	66.7

Table C.1.2 - Surveillance of the fishing area to avoid encounters.

Regarding the use of pingers (Table C.1.3), a significance difference between the two fishing fleets was found (X-squared = 24.81, df = 2, p-value < 0.05). 9.8% of the purse seine fishers reported to use pingers and from these 33.3% believe that they are not very efficient and 66.7% believe they are. Some of those that don't use this measure yet are willing to use them in the future (77.8%) while others admit that they are not interested in using them. In the artisanal fishery none of the fishers uses this practice but are willing to use it (69.6%) if they don't interfere with captures and some say they would have to be given to them considering the high costs in face of the profit of the fishery.

Table C.1.3 - Use of pingers to	minimize cetacean by-catch.
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Fleet	Answer	Already in use?	Is it efficient?	Willing to use it?
Artisanal	Yes	0.0		-
Purse seine		9.8	66.7	-
Artisanal	No	98.4	-	69.6
Purse seine		90.2	-	77.8

Only one skipper (0.4%) from the artisanal fishery has ever used streamlines or other measures to deter seabirds, which makes this the least used practice to avoid interactions (Table C.1.4). None of the skippers from the purse seine have ever used this practice but 37.5% are willing to try it out. In the artisanal fleet 30% of the fishers that don't use this measure are willing to try it out.

Table C.1.4 - Use of streamlines to scare seabirds.

Fleet	Answer	Already in use?	Is it efficient?	Willing to use it?
Artisanal	Yes	0.4	100.0	-
Purse seine		0.0		-
Artisanal	No	99.6		30.0
Purse seine		100.0		37.5

In regards to measures that only apply to the purse seine fishery (Table C.1.5):

19% reported that they avoid or even interrupt fishing operations when they sight a group of animals nearby the fishing vessels. All believe that this it an efficient measure. Only 4% of the fishers that don't use this measure reported that they are not willing to use this measure in the future. The remaining 96% didn't reply.

The avoidance of slipping is a practice already in use by 14.3% of skippers. 81% reported that they don't use it and while 8.8% are not willing to use this measure the others didn't reply to this question.

23.8% reported that they interrupt fishing operations to release any entangled animals and believe that either it is an efficient measure (70%), not very effective (10%) or not effective at all (10%). From the skippers that don't use this measure yet, only 6.2% reported that they're willing to try it in the future although 93.8% didn't reply to this question.

Finally, 92.9% of the purse seine skippers don't use stretchers to release cetaceans. Some are willing to use it in the future (15.4%) but others say they're not (2.6%). 66.7% of the skippers that already use this measure state that it is an effective measure.

Table C.1.5 - Results of the questionnaires filled by purse seine skippers.

No

NA

Avoid or even interrupt operation when groups of animals are sighted nearby

Yes

Already in use?	19.0	59.5	21.4
Is it efficient?	100		
Willing to use it?		4.0	96.0
Avoid slipping			
Already in use?	14.3	81.0	4.8
Is it efficient?	50.0		50.0
Willing to use it?		8.8	91.2
Interrupt the operation to release entangled animals			
Already in use?	23.8	76.2	0.0
Is it efficient?	70.0	10.0	10.0
Willing to use it?		6.2	93.8
Release cetaceans using a stretcher			
Already in use?	7.1	92.9	0.0
Is it efficient?	66.7		33.3
Willing to use it?	15.4	2.6	82.1

Only 2.6% of the longline fisheries fishers uses measures to avoid the attraction of dolphins or seabirds to the bate and none are willing to use it in the future.



Annex 3 - Pictures: meetings with PO leaders and members (fishers and skippers)

Meeting with purse seine PO Leaders, IPMA-Algés, 19/09/2013



Meeting with purse seine and artisanal fisheries PO leaders and members, Olhão, 12/12/2013.



Meeting with purse seine PO leaders and members, Matosinhos, 07/03/2014



Meeting with artisanal and purse seine fisheries PO leaders and members, Sines, 21/02/2014.