

## Joint Discussion for Hookpod trial in Longline fishery

### Attendees:

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Vessel Companies - Yun Mao Fishery Co., Ltd, Kao Fong Fishery Co., Ltd, Tunago Fishery Co., Ltd, and Chun Wei Fishery Company, Ltd.



### Topic

- The benefit and industry advantages of hookpods

Hookpod is a bycatch mitigation device for seabirds and it has gained attraction due to uses in other fisheries. The hookpod has been more than 10 years in rigorous independent testing and reporting, which means it was developed against scientific support as the best practice standalone seabird bycatch mitigation measure. The advantage includes:

- Reduces bycatch to virtually zero
- Sustainable business practices
- No negative impact on target catch rates
- Operationally efficient and quick to use
- Approved by Regulator (e.g. WCPFC, New Zealand government...etc)
- Reduces tori entanglement issues
- Hookpod LED saves money compared to using light sticks.
- No plastic waste
- Long lasting (2-3 years)

- Trial experiment

- ALDI US had funded a pilot study to test effectiveness of hookpods
- To be an opportunity for vessel company and the Hookpod to explore the possibility of running the trial.

- QA (key message)

- Concern about the impact of placing the hookpod and Bait, for instance the size difference — Hookpod will share a demo for better understanding, and basically, it has the potential to reduce bait loss during line setting.
- According to scientific research, the sounds coming from the hookpod will not cause fishing catch decreased since the owner is concerning on this.
- Work overload? The use of hookpod will only need to be installed once in the beginning, the device is simple to use and it would not take much time on adjustment.
- Cost issue



- Reference-

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