

Surface Longline Operational Procedures – Observer Review Form

Trip Number	Observer code	Vessel Name	Trip start date	Trip end date	Sets Observed
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Record Yes (Y), No (N), Unknown (U) or Not Applicable (N/A) in the box provided. If you answer N or U to any questions in Items 6 to 22, then please make detailed comments on the reverse.

- Item 1. Did the vessel carry a copy of the SLL Operational Procedures (OP) on board that was made available upon request?
- Item 2. Were the crew familiar with the contents of the SLL OP?
- Item 3. Were any protected species ‘trigger points’ activated during the trip? *(if Y detail the event and the action taken by the vessel)*
- Item 4. Did a gear or equipment failure event occur that increased the risk of protected species captures? *(if Y detail the event and the action taken by the vessel)*
- Item 5. Were there any changes in crew behaviour, fishing activity, mitigation devices deployed and/or gear used following a ‘trigger point’ or during ‘high risk’ periods (i.e. over a full moon)?

Mitigation device

- Item 6. Was a tori line deployed for the entirety of all sets?
- Item 7. When deployed, was the aerial extent of the tori line adequate to reduce seabird access to the baited hook line?
- Item 8. Were ‘fit and proper’* streamers spaced at a maximum distance of 5 m apart along the entire aerial extent of the tori line?
- Item 9. Did the vessel carry a spare tori line or parts to construct a second tori line if required?
- Item 10. Was the tori line attachment point higher than 6 m above the water?
- Item 11. Could the tori line be adjusted or repositioned over the setting line to suit varying conditions?
- Item 12. Other than the tori line, were any other mitigation measures or devices used *(if Y record details in comments)*

Fish waste and bait management

- Item 13. During hauling, were used baits and fish waste/offal held or batch-discarded at intervals (no ad-hock continuous discharge)?
- Item 14. During setting, was all fish waste/offal held?
- Item 15. Was all discharge from the vessel managed as per SLL Protected Species Risk Management Plan (RMP)?
- Item 16. Was the use of totally frozen bait avoided?

General procedures

- Item 17. Was all plastic and line (including fishing plastics such as snoods, carton strapping etc.) retained on board?

- Item 18. Did the vessel only set at night*
- Item 19. When day setting, were weighting devices placed on the snoods within 4 m of the hook as per the SLL Protected Species RMP? (record N/A if the vessel set exclusively at night)
- Item 20. During night** setting, were spot lights shining directly astern controlled or dimmed?
- Item 21. Were all protected species captures recorded on the MPI Non-fish Protected Species Catch Return logbook?
- Item 22. If there were live protected species captures, were they handled with due care?
- Item 23. Do you have any further comments?

* 'Fit and proper' streamers should be brightly coloured and of a sufficient length to provide a suitable deterrent to seabirds.
 ** 'Night' is defined as between 0.5 hours after nautical dusk until 0.5 hours before nautical dawn.

Please make a detailed comment for each item when required.

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