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- Bycatch is the incidental capture of a non-target species in fisheries and is a universal phenomenon
- Trawls, seines, hooks and lines, gillnets and driftnets and even lines of pots and creels take their toll on many species of animals, such as marine mammals, seabirds, turtles and non-target fish species
- Worst affected are long-lived, slow breeding species such as whales, seals, turtles and albatrosses



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- Bycatch is not the only threat to aquatic species listed by CMS and covered by its agreements, but for many species or populations it remains the most severe
- Addressing it effectively requires collaboration between all relevant stakeholders, and significant improvements in monitoring and mitigation



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- The CMS COP adopted several resolutions bycatch over the years
- These were consolidated in Doc.21.2.4
- In order to simplify this very complex consolidation and incorporate recent developments, Doc.24.4.4 proposes revisions to the consolidated version
- Proposed new text is underlined
- Text to be deleted is ~~crossed-out~~
- Existing, already adopted, text should not be renegotiated



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- Changes to the preamble: to shorten, update and make applicable to all affected species covered by (C)
- Clear structuring of operative part was introduced:
 - Participation in Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (for those Parties also party to RFMOs)
 - Bycatch Mitigation Methods and Data Collection
 - Collaboration and Cooperation
 - Technological and Financial Assistance
- Textual changes mostly to remove repetition, clarify intent and update



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