



IPOA-Seabirds: IMPLEMENTATION by RFMOs

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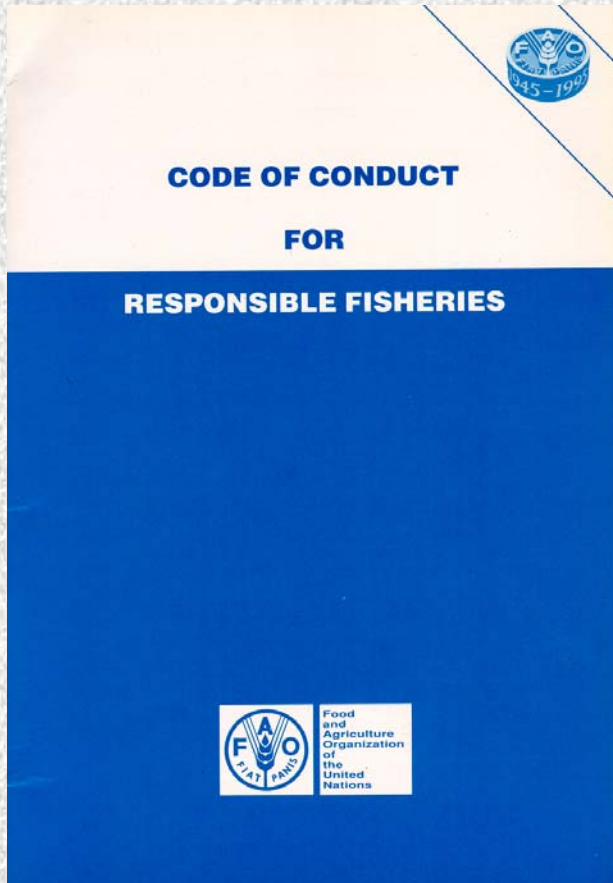


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COFI-26 Recurring Themes---

- ✓ Implement Existing Instruments
- ✓ Ecosystem-based Approaches
- ✓ Roles & Responsibilities of RFMOs

FAO Involvement



68 FAO members reported they longline in 2003



The IPOA-Seabirds

PLAN DE ACCIÓN INTERNACIONAL
PARA REDUCIR LAS CAPTURAS
INCIDENTALES DE AVES MARINAS
EN LA PESCA CON PALANGRE

PLAN DE ACCIÓN INTERNACIONAL
PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN Y ORDENACIÓN
DE LOS TIBURONES

PLAN DE ACCIÓN INTERNACIONAL
PARA LA ORDENACIÓN DE LA CAPACIDAD
PESQUERA



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INTERNATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION
FOR REDUCING INCIDENTAL CATCH
OF SEABIRDS IN LONGLINE FISHERIES

INTERNATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION
FOR THE CONSERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS

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FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF
FISHING CAPACITY



PLAN D'ACTION INTERNACIONAL VISANT
À RÉDUIRE LES CAPTURES ACCIDENTELLES
D'OISEAUX DE MER PAR LES PALANGRIERS

PLAN D'ACTION INTERNACIONAL
POUR LA CONSERVATION
ET LA GESTION DES REQUINS

PLAN D'ACTION INTERNACIONAL
POUR LA GESTION
DE LA CAPACITÉ DE PÊCHE



IPOA-Seabirds states (para 19):

States, within the framework of their respective competencies and consistent with international law, should strive to cooperate through regional and subregional fisheries organizations or arrangements, and other forms of cooperation to reduce the incidental catch of seabirds in longline fisheries.

OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ Why is fishery-focused action necessary?
- ✓ Inform about status of NPOAs
- ✓ RFMO responsibilities & actions
- ✓ Next Steps

Why an IPOA-Seabirds?

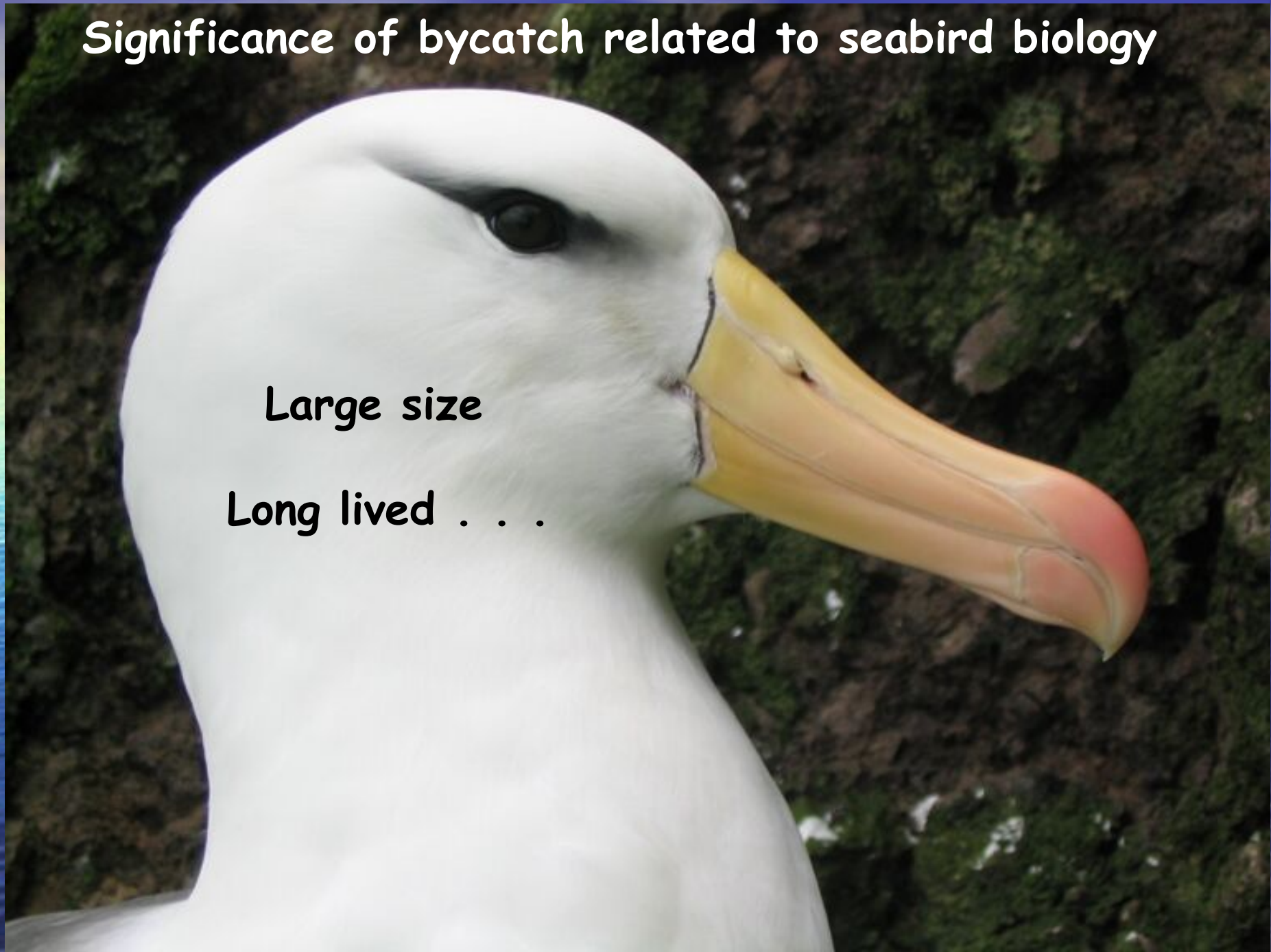
- ✓ LOTS of birds killed annually---estimated 300,000 (1/3 albatrosses)
- ✓ Declines of some albatross populations linked to longline fishing
- ✓ Some populations threatened with extinction



Significance of bycatch related to seabird biology

Large size

Long lived . . .



- ✓ Delayed sexual maturity
- ✓ Breed with same mate each year
- ✓ Some species only breed every other year



...and related to their behavior

- ✓ Eat fish & squid
- ✓ Attracted to fishing vessels
- ✓ Highly migratory
- ✓ Global distribution



RFMOs in unique position to augment action by individual States and implement ecosystem approaches to solve this problem



IPOA calls on States to assess its longline fisheries---if a "problem" exists with respect to incidental catch of seabirds....

Then, develop a National Plan of Action to reduce the incidental catch

NPOA Elements:

- ✓ Assessment
- ✓ Prescription of Mitigation Measures
- ✓ Research & Development
- ✓ Education, Training, & Publicity
- ✓ Data Collection

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COFI/2005/2 -- Of 49 Members reporting:

- ✓ 45% assessed longline fisheries (22)
- ✓ 2 in 5 concluded NPOA needed (8)
- ✓ 1 in 3 are implementing NPOAs (7)

Of 17 RFBs reporting:

- ✓ 4 had made efforts to assist with IPOA-Seabirds
- ✓ CCAMLR, CCSBT, FFA, ICCAT



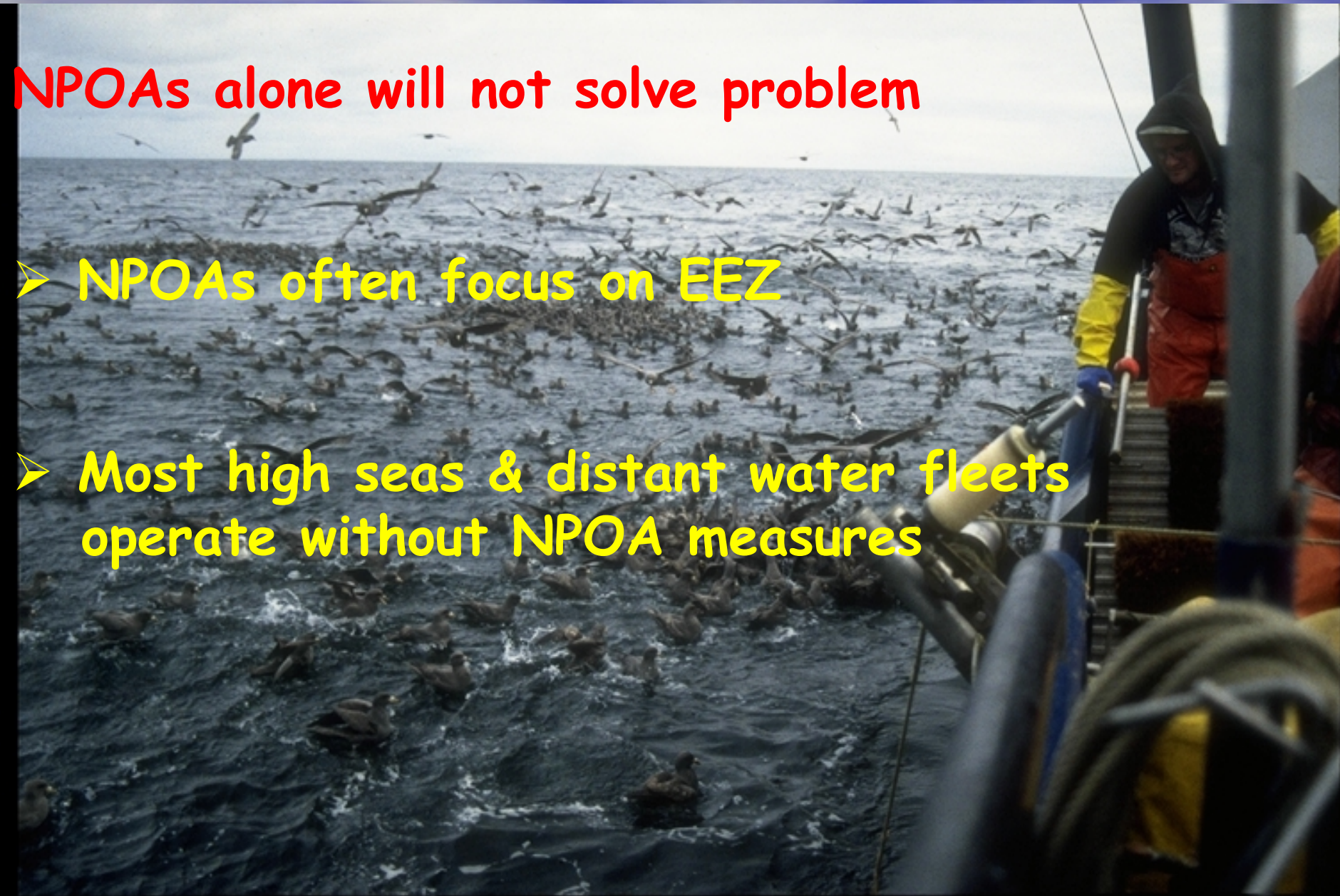
NPOAs—complete or in progress

- Japan
- United States
- New Zealand
- (Falkland Islands/Malvinas Islands)
 - Brazil
 - Chile
 - South Africa
 - Australia
 - Canada
 - Namibia
 - (Taiwan)
 - Angola
 - Uruguay



NPOAs alone will not solve problem

- **NPOAs often focus on EEZ**
- **Most high seas & distant water fleets operate without NPOA measures**



WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?



✓ RESOURCES NEEDED

✓ POLITICAL WILL TO MOVE FORWARD

- ❖ Solutions to the incidental catch of seabirds in longline fisheries are available today---effective, practical, inexpensive
- ❖ Implementation of existing instruments
 - Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries
 - IPOAs
 - Resolutions
- ❖ NPOAs by FAO Members.....and RFMOs

Reduction of seabird incidental catch is an excellent model for incorporating ecosystem approaches in fisheries management by RFMOs



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