

19.62 Marine and Fresh-water Mammal By-Catch in Fisheries

RECALLING Recommendations 18.35,18.36 and 18.38 of the 18th Session of the General Assembly;

RECALLING also that the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Sea calls upon the States Parties to adopt all reasonable measures to minimize by-catches of small cetaceans;

NOTING with concern that in some areas small cetaceans and pinnipeds (seals and sea lions) are caught in large numbers by fishing vessels;

CONCERNED by the continuing mortality of marine and fresh-water mammals in many fisheries globally, including Hooker's sea lion (*Phocarctos hookeri*) in the New Zealand Auckland Island squid fishery, the New Zealand fur seal (*Arctocephalus jbrsteri*) in the New Zealand hoki fishery and fresh-water dolphins in the riverine systems of China, India and South America;

The General Assembly of IUCN - The World Conservation Union, at its 19th Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 17-26 January 1994:

1. URGES States to adopt controls, including technical management measures and codes of practice which will significantly curtail the by-catch of marine and fresh-water mammals;
2. URGES States and fishing interests to promote the development and use of selective fishing gear and practices that minimize the by-catch of non-target species including marine and fresh-water mammals.

Note. This Recommendation was adopted by consensus. The delegation of the State member Norway indicated that had there been a vote, the delegation would have abstained.