

# Progress at the multinational level in addressing marine mammal bycatch assessment and developing management measures

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# Overview

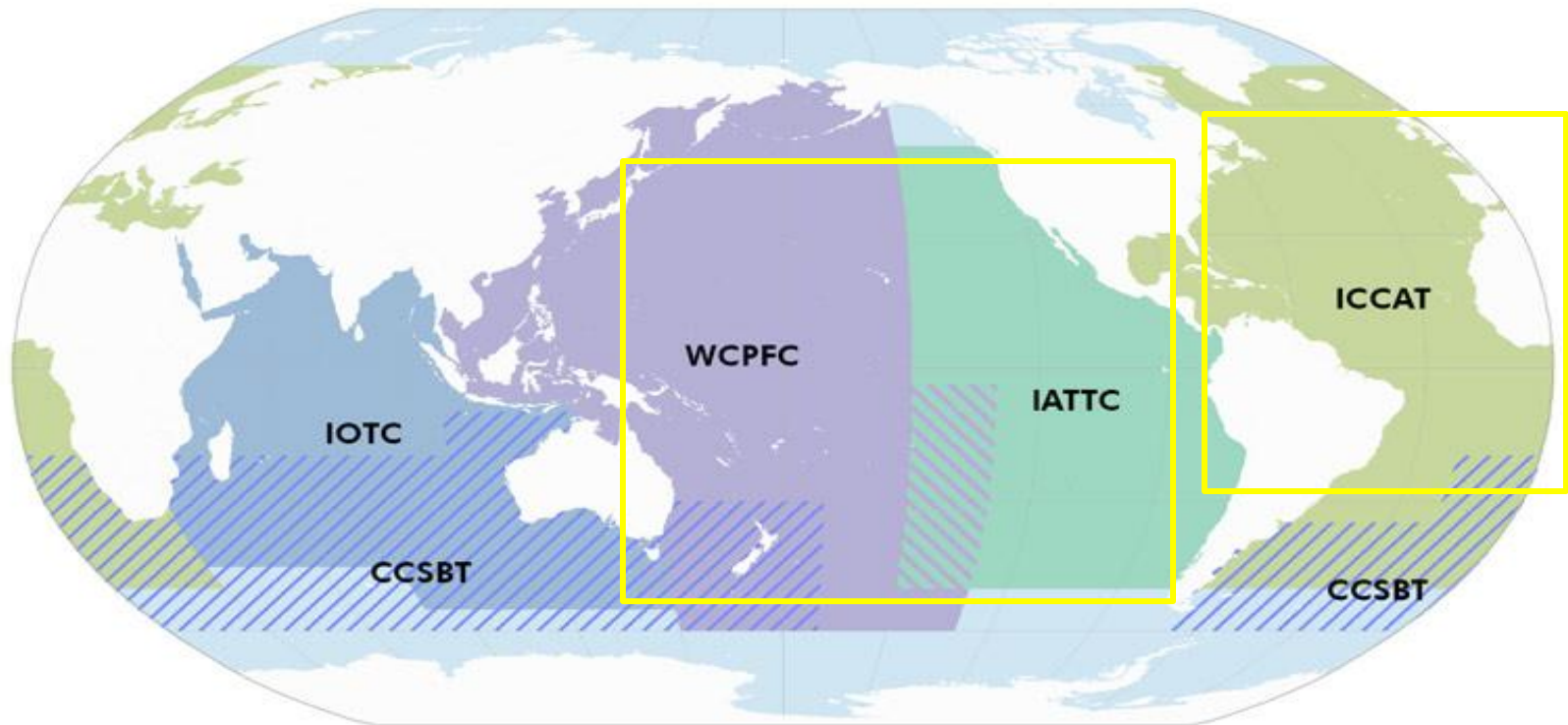
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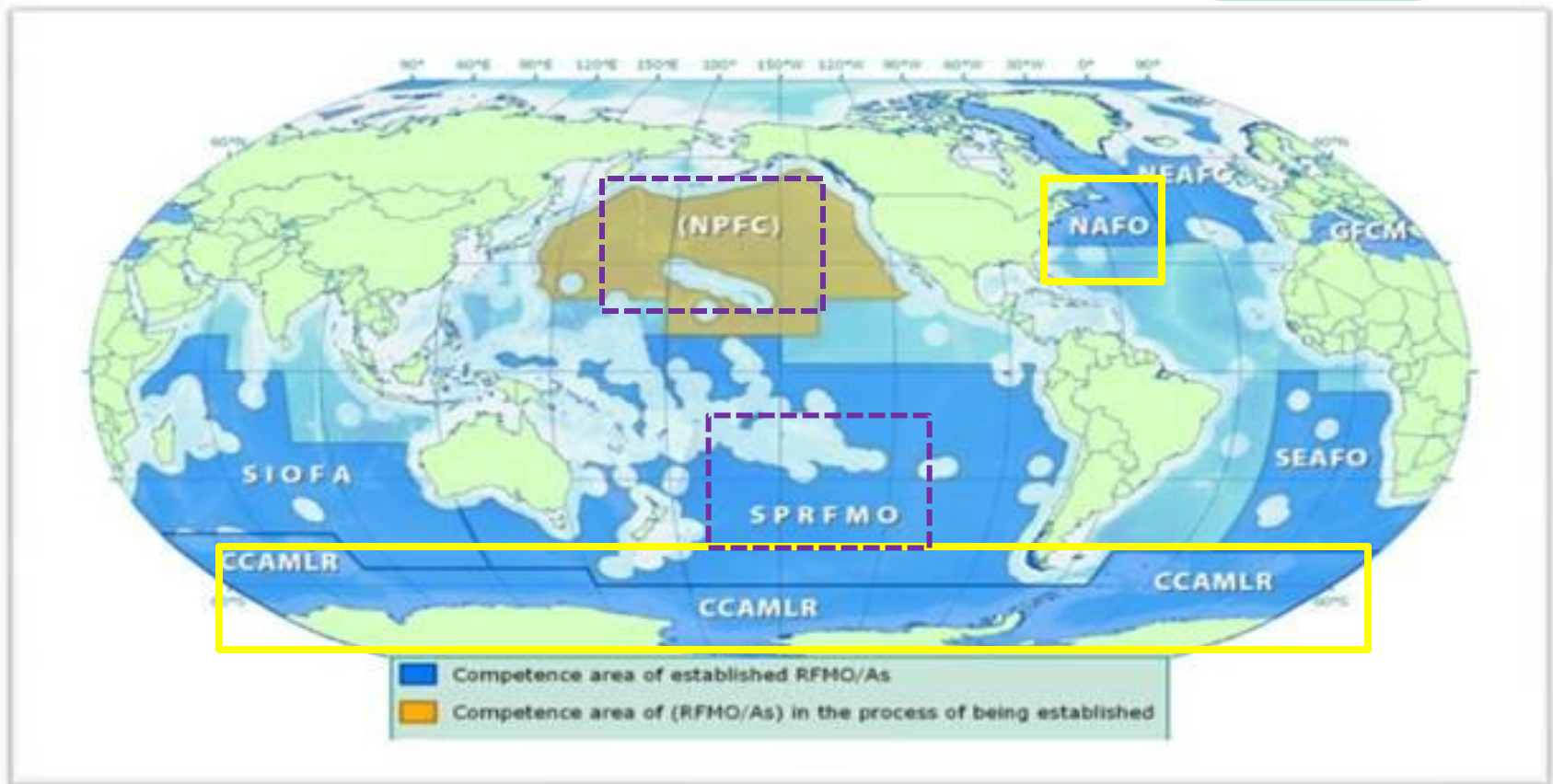
“minimize pollution, waste, discards, catch by lost or abandoned gear, catch of non-target species, both fish and non-fish species, (hereinafter referred to as non-target species) and impacts on associated or dependent species, in particular endangered species, through measures including, to the extent practicable, the development and use of selective, environmentally safe and cost-effective fishing gear and techniques;”

-United Nations Fish Stock Agreement (1995)

# Regional Fisheries Management Organizations: Tuna and Tuna-like



# Regional Fisheries Management Organizations: Straddling and Discrete Stocks (aka non-tuna)



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- Types of measures:
  - Data collection and reporting
  - Gear/Deployment mitigation measures
  - Safe handling and live release



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# Thank you!

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