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Clarification on CMM 2021/15 paragraph 18

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Abstract	<p>During the 8th meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee the SIOFA SC noted that that paragraph 18 of CMM 2021/15 (Management of Demersal Stocks)</p> <p><i>“18. Longlines shall not exceed 3000 hooks per line and shall be set at minimum 3 nautical miles from each other.”</i></p> <p>Which sets a maximum number of hooks and a minimum distance (3 nm) between lines, but does not specify the time period (e.g., set, trip or season) that should separate these lines sets. This may cause confusion in implementation, because without a time specification the article could be interpreted in the most restrictive way as prohibiting the setting of any other lines closer than 3 nm, across the whole time period.</p> <p>The SC also noted that paragraph 18 of CMM 2021/15, was originally intended to ensure spatial distribution of tagging (MoP6 report, paragraph 93).</p> <p>The SIOFA SC recommended that the MoP clarify the appropriate time period to be considered when applying paragraph 18 of CMM 2021/15 (para 203 of the SC8 Report).</p>

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Recommendations

- The SC noted that paragraph 18 of CMM 2021/15 (Management of Demersal Stocks), which is intended to ensure spatial distribution of tagging (MoP6 report, paragraph 93), does not specify a time period, i.e. set, trip or season, which may cause confusion in implementation, and recommended that the MoP **clarify** the appropriate time period.
- The Compliance Committee **notes** the above and **advise** the MoP on the time period that should be applicable in respect to paragraph 18.