

Title	Describe the reduction of incidental seabird capture during commercial fishing		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people working in a commercial seafood operation.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the consequences of incidental seabird capture by commercial fishers; reasons for, and methods for the reduction of, incidental seabird capture during commercial fishing operations; and handling techniques and reporting requirements for incidental capture of seabirds on a commercial fishing vessel.</p>
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Classification	Seafood > Seafood Vessel Operations
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with:
 - Workplace procedures;
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Fisheries Act 1996;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Wildlife Act 1953;
 and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 Definitions

Commercial fishing vessel refers to a vessel that is operating a Maritime Operator Safety System (MOSS) that is recognised by Maritime New Zealand and meets the requirements of the Maritime Transport Operator Certificate and/or Plan.

Workplace procedures refer to the policies and procedures set out in a verbal or written form by the employer or organisation. Procedures must be consistent with current legislative requirements and manufacturer's recommendations or instructions where relevant.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the consequences of incidental seabird capture by commercial fishers.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the consequences of incidental seabird capture to the marine ecosystem.
- Range breeding pairs of seabirds, seabird populations.
- 1.2 Describe the consequences of incidental seabird capture to the commercial fishing industry.
- Range industry reputation, consumer reaction, access to fisheries, cost recovery levies, penalties for non-compliance, creation and review of fisheries legislation.

Outcome 2

Describe reasons for, and methods for the reduction of, incidental seabird capture during commercial fishing operations.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe ways in which fishing vessels attract, and can be made less attractive to, seabirds during fishing operations.
- 2.2 Describe the fishing operation activities that present risk of incidental capture of seabirds.
- 2.3 Describe methods for the reduction of incidental seabird capture.
- Range offal management, exclusion devices and fishing practices.

Outcome 3

Describe handling techniques and reporting requirements for incidental capture of seabirds on a commercial fishing vessel.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe the procedures for dealing with incidental seabird captures.
- 3.2 Describe safe handling techniques for releasing live seabirds.
- 3.3 Describe incidental seabird capture reporting requirements.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	25 February 2003	31 December 2019
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Review	3	24 January 2019	N/A
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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