



Clean Catch: Criteria for selecting a new fishery partner

The following essential and desirable criteria have been drafted for use in seeking and selecting a new fishery partner to work with Clean Catch on a bycatch monitoring and mitigation trial. Any feedback or suggestions for improving these criteria can be sent to us via secretariat@cleancatchuk.com.

Essential

- Has a bycatch issue with marine mammals and/or seabirds and/or elasmobranchs (sharks, skates, and rays).
- Is a fishery with at least some operations involving English vessels/port/waters.
- There is appetite from the fishery, perhaps because for the fishery bycatch poses a risk, or is costly, or a barrier to eco-label/certification, or results in negative PR, or conflicts with their environmental commitments. The fishery demonstrates willingness to be actively involved providing access, sharing information and/or committing resources (time, people or money).
- Sufficiently large fishery in terms of the number of fisher/vessels/gear deployments. A larger fishery offers more opportunities to gather meaningful monitoring data and conduct informative mitigation trials.

Desirable

- Identified as a hotspot in our review.
- The bycatch issue is significant because either it is: i) frequent/high volume; or, ii) there is high mortality of bycaught individuals; or, iii) high conservation impact (conservation status of species, or ecosystem impact).
- There are existing data about bycatch rates/species, which can serve as a baseline (e.g. observer coverage, Bycatch Monitoring Programme, fishery's own records, remote electronic monitoring).
- United by a single entity (e.g. a group, collective, owner) that serves as a single point of contact, to facilitate rollout of monitoring (e.g. Insight360) and trial mitigation measures, rather than dealing with multiple individual fishers/skippers/owners.
- Not seasonal, i.e. the fishery operation and/or the bycatch issue is not restricted to a small part of the year, limiting our opportunities.
- Has prior links/engagement with Hauling Up Solutions.
- Potential for impact within the lifetime of the project (i.e. not an impossible problem).
- Represents widening participation (a fishery that has previously been unable to access to Clean Catch).
- Bycatch issue is a combination of seabird, elasmobranch or mammals, increasing our opportunity to learn.
- Differs from existing Clean Catch fisheries, in terms of gear, target species, bycatch species, scale, location and potential mitigation measures. Thus, expanding the scope of Clean Catch, for example outside of Cornwall or towards seabird and

elasmobranch bycatch challenges. (Noting work with Cornish fishers and marine mammals will be ongoing.).

- Represents a practical option (location, budget, timeline, logistics, accessibility).
- Not involved in existing trial(s).