

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

GLOBAL FUND FOR MARINE MAMMAL BYCATCH SOLUTIONS



The Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life (ACCOL) at the New England Aquarium, in collaboration with the National Marine Fisheries Service Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, is pleased to announce the availability of funding to support capacity building for reducing marine mammal bycatch.

The kinds of projects to support can include:

- 1) Evaluation of potential marine mammal bycatch reduction techniques;
- 2) Establishing estimates of bycatch and calculating bycatch limits in fisheries that interact with marine mammals; and
- 3) Advancing measures to prohibit intentional killing or serious injury to marine mammals associated with fishing operations.

Approximately US\$75,000 is available to support projects. We anticipate granting two to three awards and will consider a maximum request of \$50,000, and a minimum of \$10,000. Priority will be given to applications from developing countries, and can focus on national initiatives or projects within particular fisheries, with preference given to ones that export seafood to the United States. All applicants must be willing to accommodate an ACCOL-funded graduate student or post-Doc to assist with the project methodology, implementation, and writing of report results. For projects not in developing countries, proposals should outline relevant application of results to developing countries. There is no matching fund requirement. Proposals will be accepted up to May 15, 2020.

For more information, please visit the Global Bycatch Exchange at www.bycatch.org or contact Michelle Cho at bycatch@neaq.org.
