



ANNOUNCEMENT: 2020 GRANTS AWARDED
FUND FOR GLOBAL MARINE MAMMAL BYCATCH SOLUTIONS

- Recipient: **African Aquatic Conservation Fund**
Project: Mitigating marine mammal bycatch in Senegal and The Gambia, West Africa
Summary: Researchers will document and monitor in Senegal and The Gambia the first accurate estimates of marine mammal bycatch, and identify potential mitigation options
Amount: \$29,470
- Recipient: **Friends of the Nation (Ghana); Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (DFAS), University of Cape Coast**
Project: Enhancing cetacean conservation in Ghana through improved data management, behavioral change advocacy and increased deterrence in fishing communities
Summary: The project will develop an online geo-tracking cetacean landings database for monitoring cetacean landings and providing real time cetacean by-catch and directed catch data along the entire Atlantic coast of Ghana. The project will also collect quantitative data on landings of cetaceans from fisheries landing sites covering all relevant fisheries and gear types, and the data will be used to institute behavioral change advocacy programme targeting fishers along the cetacean value chain and influence policy direction towards marine mammals' conservation in Ghana.
Amount: \$32,000
- Recipient: **The Institute of Marine and Coastal Research (IIMyC)** is part of the National University of Mar del Plata (UNMDP) and the National Scientific and Technical Research Council of Argentina (CONICET); **The National Institute for Fisheries Research and Development (INIDEP)**
Project: Experimental evaluation of the behavior of the Southern King crab trap fishery groundline, and its potential impact in whale entanglements off Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego (Argentina)
Summary: At least four species of baleen whales get entangled in groundlines of. The project will analyze groundline curvature and elevation from the seabed in experimental trawls based on the Southern king crab trap fisheries off Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego in Argentina. The objective is to propose trawl configurations that minimize the potential threat to whales.
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