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Study ^a and variable	Treatment										
	Control ^b	Underwater setting chute 9 m	Blue- dyed bait	Towed Buoy	Strategic Discards	Streamer line	Night setting	Additional 60g weight at bait	Night setting & blue-dyed bait	Side- setting	Underwater setting chute 6.5 m
McNamara et al. (1999) Hawaii longline swordfish gear											
Contact rate	32.8 ^c (265.7)		7.6 (61.6)	16.1 (130.4)	15.7 (124.7)	15.7 (127.2)					
Contact reduction			77%	51%	53%	52%					
Capture rate	2.23 (18.0)		0.12 (17.5)	0.26 (6.8)	0.32 (2.3)	0.47 (6.6)		(0.60) ^e			
Capture reduction			95%	88%	86%	79%		73% ^e			
Boggs (2001) Hawaii longline swordfish gear											
Contact rate ^d	7.60 ^c (313.5)		0.43 (20.5)			1.82 (93.4)		0.61 (25.0)			
Contact reduction			94%			76%		92%			
Gilman et al. (2002) Hawaii longline tuna gear											
Contact rate	0.61 (75.93)	0.03 (1.85)									
Contact reduction		95%									
Capture rate	0.06 (4.24)	0.00 (0.00)									
Capture reduction		100%									
Boggs (2003) Hawaii longline swordfish gear											
Contact rate	0.78 (27.1)						0.053 (4.8)		0.01 (0.98)		
Contact reduction							93%		99%		
Capture rate	0.058 (2.0)						0.0013 (0.11)		0.00 (0.00)		
Capture reduction							98%		100%		
Gilman et al. (2003) Hawaii longline swordfish gear											
Contact rate		0.30 (5.0)	2.37 (64.9)							0.08 (1.9)	
Capture rate		0.03 (0.6)	0.08 (1.8)							0.01 (0.2)	

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Contact rate		0.28 (10.3)	0.61 (23.8)							0.01 (0.1)	0.20 (5.6)
Contact reduction ^f		82%	60%							99%	87%
Capture rate		0.05 (1.7)	0.03 (1.2)							0.00 (0.0)	0.01 (0.5)
Capture reduction ^f		38%	63%							100%	88%

^a Research has also been conducted by the Japan Fisheries Research Agency on the effectiveness of blue-dyed bait on reducing seabird interactions in Japan's longline tuna fishery in the western North Pacific Ocean (Minami & Kiyota 2002). Results were not published in a format that provides seabird interaction rates expressed as contact or capture per number of hooks or normalized rates for seabird abundance.

^b Control treatments in McNamara et al.(1999) and Boggs (2001) entailed conventional swordfish fishing operations. Control treatment in Gilman et al. (2003) entailed conventional tuna fishing operations.

^c The different contact rates observed by Boggs (2001) and McNamara et al. (1999) may be explained by the use of different definitions of what constituted a seabird contact. McNamara et al.(1999) counted the total number of times a seabird came into contact with gear near the hook, even if the same bird contacted the gear multiple times, while Boggs defined a contact where only one contact per bait was recorded as a contact regardless of whether a single bird contacted a bait multiple times.

^d Contact rates are averages of rates reported by Boggs (2001) for Laysan and black-footed albatrosses.

^e This rate is not normalized for albatross abundance. McNamara et al. (1999) could not estimate seabird abundance during night setting. McNamara et al.'s (1999) control capture rate when not normalized for albatross abundance was 18.0 captures per 1000 hooks. Night setting reduced this control capture rate by 97%.

^f Percent reductions use the control treatment contact and capture rates of Gilman et al. (2003)