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**Dolphin cow-calf separation study in the Eastern Tropical Pacific**

We have been asked by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) to share the information below among the marine mammal science network.

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) is requesting research proposals to study whether dolphin cows and calves become separated during tuna purse-seine fishing operations in the eastern tropical Pacific. The study will address long-standing unanswered questions about whether cow-calf separation occurs, and, if it does, is potential calf mortality at levels high enough to hinder population growth. The details of the request for proposals can be found at this link:

<https://www.iattc.org/getattachment/425bab9f-ae3a-4692-b94c-f9758609b0c1/Consultancy-announcement-dolphin-cow-calves-experiment.pdf?lang=en-US>

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