Reporting Country: BELIZE  
Fishing Year: 2015  

Total Annual Catches of the Longline fleet: 681.91 m/t  

Percentage Coverage of fishing effort by observers  
(Considered as fishing days): 32%  
Basis combined total of overall fishing days and actual days observed.  

Total Annual Catches by vessels with observers on board: 138.13 m/t  

Species composition of catches in vessels with observers on board:  
Retained species were predominantly:  

- Blue sharks (*Prionace glauca*),  
- Gray sharks (*Carcharhinus falciformis*),  
- Thresher shark (*Alopias spp.*),  
- Swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*),  
- Yellowfin and bigeye tuna (*Thunnus albacares* and *T. obesus*),  
- Skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*),  
- Chub Mackerel (*Scomber japonicas*),  

Other retained fish bycatch consisted of:  
- mahi-mahi (dorado) (*Salminus brasiliensis*);  
- marlins (*Istiophoridae*);  
- wahoo (*Acanthocybium solandri*); and  
- oilfish (Escolar) (*Lepidocybium flavobrunneum*)  

Number of vessels with observers on board:  
Two (2)  

Number of sea turtles caught incidentally on trips with observers on board:  
Five (5)  

Were sea turtles caught incidentally released?  
YES
Number of sharks caught in trips with observers:
One thousand one hundred and sixty five (1165)

Number of rays captured on trips with observers:
None

Number of billfishes captured in trips with observers:
Four hundred and one (401)

Number of hooks used on fishing trips with observers:
Seventy nine thousand and forty eight (79,048)

Type of hooks used:
Circle Hooks