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Subject: Annual report on implementation for 2022 by China on C-11-10

Shark species are one of the bycatch species in the Chinese longline fishery in EPO, we attach great importance to shark management each year. Fishing vessels are prohibited from retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing or selling oceanic whitetip sharks. All alive oceanic whitetip sharks were cautiously released.

Our preliminary oceanic whitetip shark data, in line with IATTC C-05-03, will be reported to the Commission with tuna aggregated data by 30 June. Fifteen observers were sent to our longline vessels operating in EPO in 2022. Based on the observer data, 410 alive, 207 dead and 30 condition unknown oceanic whitetip sharks were recorded.

Regards,

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Shark species one of the bycatch species in the Chinese longline fishery in EPO, we attach great importance to sharks management each year. We regulate shark bycatch by Chinese fishing vessels each year through log book data, observer data and port sampling.

Shark data, in line with IATTC C-05-03, will be reported to the Commission by 30 June. In 2021, all the shark species were caught as bycatch in EPO by Chinese fishing fleet.

Sixteen observers were sent to our longline vessels operating in EPO in 2021. The data of targeting species, by-catch species (sharks, marlins, etc.), and size frequency data were collected during the observations. The observer annual report for 2021 in the eastern Pacific Ocean had been sent to the IATTC secretariat in March.

Based on data from Chinese longline observers in 2021, 48 alive and 92 dead oceanic whitetip sharks were recorded.

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Shark species are one of the bycatch species in the Chinese longline fishery in EPO, we attach great importance to sharks management each year. We regulate shark bycatch by Chinese fishing vessels each year through logbook data, observer data and port sampling.

Shark data, in line with IATTC C-05-03, had been reported to the Commission by 30 June. In 2020, all the shark species were caught as bycatch in EPO by Chinese fishing fleet.

Fourteen observers were sent to our longline vessels operating in EPO in 2020. The data of targeting species, by-catch species (sharks, marlins, etc.), and size frequency data were collected during the observations. Fishing operational information was also available to the observers. Catch data and biological data (shark size, shark ratio, etc.) were collected. The observer annual report for 2020 in the eastern Pacific Ocean had been sent to the IATTC secretariat in March last year.

Based on the data from Chinese longline observers in 2020, 10 alive, 2 dead oceanic whitetip sharks were recorded.

In recent years, we have established certain mechanisms to implement C-11-10, and we will continue working with IATTC members on shark issues.

Regards,

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