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**2023 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER REPORT FOR UNITED STATES
LONGLINE FISHERY IN THE ANTIGUA CONVENTION AREA**

FLEET INFORMATION (vessels >20m LOA)

		Both set types combined						Shallow sets (<15 HPB/HBF ¹ or <100 m max hook depth)						Deep sets (≥ 15 HPB/HBF or ≥ 100 m max hook depth)					
Period covered	Date range	From			To			From			To			From			To		
		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
		1	JAN	2023	31	DEC	2023	1	JAN	2023	31	DEC	2023	1	JAN	2023	31	DEC	2023
Area fished	Longitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		125	0	W	150	0	W	125	0	W	150	0	W	125	0	W	150	0	W
Area fished	Latitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		16	0	N	38	0	N	16	0	N	38	0	N	16	0	N	38	0	N
		Total Fleet	Observed		% observed		Total Fleet	Observed		% observed		Total Fleet	Observed		% observed				
No. of vessels that fished		115	42		37		9	9		100		106	33		31				
No. of trips		278	52		19		12	12		100		266	40		15				
No. of effective days fishing																			
No. of sets		2775	437		16		49	49		100		2726	388		14				
No. of hooks (in thousands) <i>(If unknown, approx. no. of hooks/set, using a *)</i>		8534	1235		14		63	63		100		8471	1172		14				
Predominant ² hook type/size (IATTC IATTC code)		C-22		C-22			C-02		C-02			C-22		C-22					
Predominant bait type ³		F		F			F		F			F		F					

¹ Hooks per basket / Hooks between floats

² "Predominant" means most common, i.e., $>50\%$. [Click here for IATTC hook codes.](#)

³ Bait code: SQ – squid; F – fishes (e.g. Scomber spp.); A – artificial lure (e.g. plastic jig)

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Seabirds

DKN	Black-footed albatross (<i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>)		10					10		
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For additional species caught, enter species code and species in rows below

Billfishes

BUM	Blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>)	1			1					
MLS	Striped marlin (<i>Kajikia audax</i>)	10	4		6			4	4	
SWO	Swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	30	60		17	19		13	41	
BXQ	Marlin, nei (<i>Makaira</i> spp.)		1						1	
SSP	Shortbill spearfish (<i>Tetrapturus angustirostris</i>)	4	29					4	29	

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