

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

**SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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2020 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER REPORT FOR UNITED STATES  
TUNA LONGLINE FISHERY IN THE ANTIGUA CONVENTION AREA

FLEET INFORMATION (vessels >20m LOA)																			
		Both set types combined						Shallow sets ( $<15$ HPB/HBF <sup>1</sup> or $<100$ m max hook depth)						Deep sets ( $\geq 15$ HPB/HBF or $\geq 100$ m max hook depth)					
		From			To			From			To			From			To		
Period covered	Date range	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
				1	JAN	2020	31	DEC	2020	1	JAN	2020	31	DEC	2020	1	JAN	2020	31
Area fished	Longitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		122	0	W	150	0	W	127	0	W	150	0	W	122	0	W	150	0	W
	Latitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		17	0	N	38	0	N	32	0	N	38	0	N	17	0	N	38	0	N
		Total Fleet	Observed	% observed	Total Fleet	Observed	% observed	Total Fleet	Observed	% observed	Total Fleet	Observed	% observed						
No. of vessels that fished		121	39	32	6	6	100	121	34	28									
No. of trips		426	65	15	23	23	100	403	42	10									
No. of effective days fishing								4074											
No. of sets		4386	721	16	312	312	100	4074	409	10									
No. of hooks (in thousands) <i>(If unknown, approx. no. of hooks/set, using a *)</i>		10426	1700	16	433	433	100	9993	1268	13									
Predominant <sup>2</sup> hook type/size (IATTC ( <a href="#">IATTC code</a> ))		C-22	C-22		C-02	C-02		C-22	C-22										
Predominant bait type <sup>3</sup>		F	F		F	F		F	F										

<sup>1</sup> Hooks per basket / Hooks between floats

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

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

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For hook type/size, submissions in prior year(s) were expressed as hook type and size, not IATTC code. This year the IATTC code is used.

"Observed" figures are sourced from observer data, "total fleet" figures are sourced from logbook data.





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<b>For additional species caught, enter species code and species in rows below</b>										
<b>Billfishes</b>										
BUM	Blue marlin ( <i>Makaira nigricans</i> )	7	3		3	1		4	2	
MLS	Striped marlin ( <i>Kajikia audax</i> )	20	37		15	7		5	30	
BXQ	Marlin, nei ( <i>Makaira</i> spp.)		1						1	
SFA	Indo-Pacific sailfish ( <i>Istiophorus platypterus</i> )	1	1					1	1	
SSP	Shortbill spearfish ( <i>Tetrapturus angustirostris</i> )	5	32		2	3		3	29	

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Beaked Whale, Unidentified: Deep-set, released alive - 1  
 Fulmar, Northern: Shallow-set, released alive - 1  
 Swordfish: Deep-set, released alive - 16, released dead - 53; Shallow-set, released alive - 89, released dead - 83  
 Billfish, Unidentified: Deep-set, released alive - 0, released dead - 7; Shallow-set, released alive - 1, released dead - 1

\*"Released Alive" figures also include those that were released injured, which is not an IATTC code in this template  
 \*\*These figures are sourced solely from observer data.