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**REPORT OF CHINESE TAIPEI'S SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER
INFORMATION OF 2013 (REVISED) AND 2014 (PRELIMINARY)**

Attachment: Scientific observers' information of 2013 and 2014

1. Country .	TW	TW
2. Fishing year .	2013	2014
3. Total catches of the longline fleet (T)	14,984 MT	14,735 MT
4. Total fishing days in the year of the longline fleet	10,148	11,193
5. Percent coverage of fishing effort by observers (considered as fishing days)	6.97%	6.38%
6. Total catch by vessels with observers on board	528 MT	377MT*
7. Species composition of catches in vessels with observers on board	WEIGHT:ALB(60.47%),BET(18.32%),YFT(4.03%),SWO(3.80%),BUM(0.89%),MLS(0.74%),SKX(5.28%),OTH(6.48%) NUMBER:ALB(77.37%),BET(6.40%),YFT(2.02%),SWO(1.19%),BUM(0.20%),MLS(0.19%),SKX(2.78%),OTH(9.85%)	WEIGHT:ALB(35.20%),BET(37.00%),YFT(5.95%),SWO(7.08%),BUM(2.32%),MLS(1.74%),SKX(5.08%),OTH(5.62%) NUMBER:ALB(60.07%),BET(16.93%),YFT(4.39%),SWO(2.93%),BUM(0.76%),MLS(0.59%),SKX(3.30%),OTH(11.04%)*
8. Number of vessels with observers on board	10	13*
9. Number of sea turtles caught incidentally on trips with observers	3	0*
10. Sea turtles caught incidentally were released?	3	0*
11. Number of sharks caught in trips with observers	1,353	1,063*
12. Number of rays captured on trips with observers	3,698	564*
13. Number of billfishes captured in trips with observers	1,004	926*
14. Number of hooks used on fishing trips with observer	2,299,221	1,512,802*
15. Type of hooks used.	J hook	J hook:67% circle hook:33%*

*Due to 7 of 13 cruises of observer are not accomplished yet, those observers reports are still not available, please be advised that these data are still preliminary

Abbreviations Used:

ALB:Albacore
BET:Bigeye tuna
YFT:Yellowfin tuna
SWO:Swordfish
BUM:Blue marlin
MLS:Striped marlin
SKX:Sharks
OTH:Others