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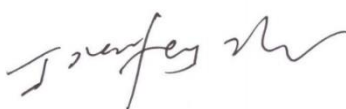
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China attaches great importance to the conservation and management of shark species. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) of China regularly updates and releases domestic management documents for implementation in accordance with the conservation and management measures and new compliance requirements adopted by relevant tuna RFMOs. In accordance with the *Notification on Further Strengthening the Conservation of Shark Resources in Pelagic Fisheries* [Nongyuanyu (2024) No. 153] and *Notification on the Issuance of the Implementation Elements for the Eastern Pacific Tuna Fisheries* [Nongyuyuanhan (2024) No. 182], China does not authorize longline vessels targeting sharks, and there are no surface longline vessels. All shark species were caught as bycatch by Chinese fishing fleets operating in the EPO. In addition, longline vessels shall limit the bycatch of silky sharks to a maximum of 20% of the total catch by one fishing trip in weight. To reduce the bycatch of shark species, the use of shark lines and wire trace (made of steel wire) as branch lines on longline vessels are also prohibited. We ensure compliance with these provisions through checking fishing logbooks, sending observers and conducting port sampling.

Our preliminary silky shark data, in line with IATTC C-03-05, will be reported to the Commission with tuna aggregated data by 30 June.

Regards,



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