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Dr. Arnulfo Franco, Executive Director
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Subject: Data Submissions under IATTC Resolutions Related to Elasmobranchs

Dear Dr. Franco,

The United States is submitting this letter and enclosed report on information for calendar year 2025, pursuant to the following IATTC resolutions:

- Resolution C-11-10: *Resolution on the Conservation of Oceanic Whitetip Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries in the Antigua Convention Area*
- Resolution C-15-04: *Resolution on the Conservation of Mobulid Rays Caught in Association with Fisheries in the IATTC Convention Area*
- Resolution C-25-09: *Conservation Measures for Shark Species, with Special Emphasis on the Silky Shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*) for the Years 2026 - 2028*
- Resolution C-25-08: *Conservation measures for the Protection and Sustainable Management of Sharks*

Please contact Lucille Bulkeley at (858) 546-5620 or lucille.bulkeley@noaa.gov with any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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2025 ALL RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO SHARK CONSERVATION

This report contains information for U.S. deep-set and shallow-set longline fisheries in the IATTC Convention Area relevant to the respective Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) elasmobranch resolutions (C-25-09, C-25-08, C-19-06, C-15-04, C-11-10). The IATTC maintains all observer information for U.S. purse seine vessels and as such already has access to reports of observed interactions with mobulids, oceanic whitetip shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*), silky shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*), and hammerhead shark (*Sphryna spp.*) caught in that fishery.

C-11-10

In 2025, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) observers recorded 7 interactions with oceanic whitetip sharks in the U.S. deep-set longline vessel fishery in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO). Three were returned dead, and four were returned alive.

C-15-04

In 2025, no interactions with mobulid rays were recorded by observers on U.S. deep-set longline vessels in the EPO.

C-25-09

In 2025, there were 8 interactions with silky sharks observed deep-set longline trips in the EPO. Three were returned dead, and five were returned alive.

