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**2023 and 2019 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER REPORT FOR
VANUATU LONGLINE FISHERY IN THE ANTIGUA
CONVENTION AREA**

¹ The information contained in this document has been updated and submitted by Vanuatu in June 2024

CPC - VANUATU (VU)
TABLE 1

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Predominant ² hook type/size (IATTC (IATTC Code))									
Predominant bait type ³	SAP	SAP							

¹ Hooks per basket / Hooks between floats

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

³ Bait Code: SQ - Squid; F-fishes (e.g. *Scomber* spp.); A - artificial lure (e.g. Plastic jig)

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TABLE 2

Non - Retained Species (Vessels>20 LOA)										
		Number of individual observed								
		Both set types combined			Shallow sets (<15 HPB/HBF ¹ or <100m max hook depth)			Deep sets (≥15HPB/HBF or ≥100m max hook depth)		
		Released			Released					
Species code	Species	Alive	Dead	Condition Unknown	Alive	Dead	Condition Unknown	Alive	Dead	Condition Unknown
Sea Turtles										
DKK	Leatherback turtle (Dermochelys Coriacea)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FBT	Flatback turtle (Natator depressus)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharks										

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BRO	Bronze Whaler Shark (<i>Carcharnus brachyurus</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
BSH	Big Eye Thresher Shark (<i>Alopias Superciliosus</i>)	6	1	0	6	1	0	0	0	0
BTH	Big Eye Thresher Shark (<i>Alopias Superciliosus</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CCA	Bignose Shark (<i>Carcharnus altimus</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CCG	Galapagos Shark (<i>Carcharhinus galapagensis</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CCP	Sandbar Shark (<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAL	Silky Shark (<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LMA	Longfin Mako (<i>Isurus Paucus</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCS	Oceanic Whitip Shark (<i>Carcharhinus Longimanus</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PSK	Crocodile Shark (<i>Pseudocarcharias kamoharai</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PTH	Pelagic Thresher Shark (<i>Alopias Pelagicus</i>)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
SCK	Kitefin Shark (<i>Dalatias licha</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SMA	Shortfin Mako (<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SPK	Great Hammerhead (<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPL	Scalloped Hammerhead (<i>Sphyrnal lewini</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPZ	Smooth Hammer Head (<i>zygaena</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SSQ	Velvet Dogfish (<i>Scymnodon squamulosus</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rays										
PLS	Pelagic Stingray (<i>Dasyatis violacea</i>)	44	21	0	44	21	0	0	0	0
RMB	Giant manta (<i>Manta birostris</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMV	Mobula (<i>Mobula spp.</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mammals										

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DBZ	Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin (<i>Tursiops aduncus</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DPN	Pantropical Spotted Dolphin (<i>stnella attenuata</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRR	Risso's Dolphin (<i>Grampus griseus</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEW	Melon-headed whale (<i>Peponocephala electra</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RTD	Rough toothed Dolphin (<i>steno bredanensis</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bird										
BIZ	Bird (Unidendified)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRK	Parkinson's petrel (<i>Procellaria parkinsoni</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DIZ	Laysan Albatross	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
DKN	Black-Footed Alba	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Bill Fishes										
BUM	Blue marlin (<i>Makaira mazara</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MLS	Striped marlin (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SSP	Shortbill Spearfish (<i>Tetrapturus angustirostris</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWO	Swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	1	5	0	1	5	0	0	0	0

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FLEET INFORMATION (Vessels > 20m LOA)																			
		Both set types combined						Shallow sets (<15 HPB/HBF ¹ or <100m max hook depth)						Deep sets (≥15 HPB/HBF ¹ or ≥100m max hook depth)					
Period Covered		From			To			From			To			From			To		
		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
	Date Range	1	Jan	2019	31	Jan	2019	1	Jan	2019	31	Jan	2019	1	Jan	2019	31	Jan	2019
Area Fished	Longitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		149°	49	W	120°	46	W	145°	23	W	142°	14	W	149°	49	W	120°	46	W
	Latitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		35°	4	S	2°	5	S	35°	4	S	32°	35	S	14°	7	S	2°	5	S
		Total Fleet		Observed		% Observed		Total Fleet		Observed		% Observed		Total Fleet		Observed		% Observed	
N0, of vessels that fished		63		5		7.9		27		1		3.1		SAP		4		11.11	
N0. of trips		253		5		2		61		1		1.64		192		4		2.08	
N0. of effective fishing days		5880		280		4.8		1343		21		1.56		4537		259		5.71	
N0. of sets used		5890		281		4.8		1344		21		1.56		4546		260		5.72	
N0. of hooks (in thousands) (if unknown, approx. no. of hooks/set, using a*)		16011.585		522.904		3.3		4362.368		24.104		0.55		11649.217		498.8		4.28	
Predominant ² hook type/size (IATTC (IATTC Code))		Circle		Circle															
Predominant bait type ³		MAS		MAS										MASS		MASS			

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Sharks										
BRO	Bronze Whaler Shark (Carcharnus brachyrus)	3	20	2	0	0	0	3	20	2
BSH	Big Eye Thresher Shark (Alopias	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

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	Superciliosus)									
BTH	Big Eye Thresher Shark (Alopias Superciliosus)	37	108	7	0	0	0	37	108	7
CCA	Bignose Shark (Carcharnus altimus)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
CCG	Galapagos Shark (Carcharhinus galapagensis)	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
CCP	Sandbar Shark (Carcharhinus plumbeus)	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
FAL	Silky Shark (Carcharhinus falciformis)	5	9	0	0	0	0	5	9	0
LMA	Longfin Mako (Isurus Paucus)	2	6	0	0	0	0	2	6	0
OCS	Oceanic Whitip Shark (Carcharhinus Longimanus)	7	15	1	0	0	0	7	15	1
PSK	Crocodile Shark (Pseudocarcharias kamoharai)	12	229	29	0	0	0	12	229	29
PTH	Pelagic Thresher Shark (Alopias Pelagicus)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
SCK	Kitefin Shark (Dalatias licha)	1	33	4	0	0	0	1	33	4
SMA	Shortfin Mako (Isurus oxyrinchus)	3	3	2	2	0	0	1	3	2
SPK	Great Hammerhead (Sphyrna mokarran)	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
SPL	Scalloped Hammerhead (Sphyrna lewini)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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SSQ	Velvet Dogfish (Scymnodon squamulosus)	1	9	0	0	0	0	1	9	0
Rays										
PLS	Pelagic Stingray (Dasyatis violacea)	112	38	24	3	0	0	109	38	24
RMB	Giant manta (Manta birostris)	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
RMV	Mobula (Mobula spp.)	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
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RTD	Rough toothed Dolphin (steno bredanensis)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bird										
BIZ	Bird (Unidentified)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

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Bill Fishes										
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SSP	Shortbill Spearfish (<i>Tetrapturus angustirostris</i>)	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
SWO	Swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	33	15	1	0	0	0	33	15	1