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## **Annual Report on Sharks and Mobulid Rays 2024 - Vanuatu**

In accordance with of Resolution C-05-03, C-11-10, C-15-04, C-16-05, and C-21-06, this report provides an update on the activities of Vanuatu's flag vessels for 2024 on Sharks and Mobulid rays;

### **C-05-03 (Sharks CMM, para 11)**

1. Since all sharks caught in the EPO by Vanuatu flagged fishing vessels are bycatch, Vanuatu reports these bycatch data of sharks by species as below:

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>BSH</b>	401.74	413.63	225.59	164.82	20.15
<b>SMA</b>	62.517	58.431	16.951	0	0
<b>BTH</b>	0	0	0.41	0.14	0
<b>LMA</b>	0.09	0.06	0	0	0
<b>SKX</b>	0	0.01	0	0	0

\*unit:MT

### **C-11-10 (Oceanic Whitetip Sharks CMM, para 3)**

Based on the 2024 Observer reports, there no Oceanic Whitetip sharks interaction reported by the observer program and no interactions with the Oceanic Whitetip sharks recorded in logsheet.

### **C-15-04 (Mobulid Rays CMM, para 4)**

There was no Mobulid Rays interaction data from the observer program in 2024.

### **C-16-05 (Management of Shark Species, para 2)**

Vanuatu has no purse seiners operating in the IATTC, therefore are no data to submit.

### **C-21-06 (Silky Shark CMM, para 11)**

Vanuatu prohibits its vessels from retaining onboard silky sharks, therefore, Vanuatu does not need to notify the Director regarding the single period of restricted use of steel leaders.