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Scientific observers' information of 2014 and 2015

1. Country .	TWN	TWN
2. Fishing year .	2014	2015*
3. Total catches of the longline fleet (T)	14,534 MT	11,062 MT
4. Total fishing days in the year of the longline fleet	11,193	10,252
5. Percent coverage of fishing effort by observers (considered as fishing days)	6.58%	7.63%
6. Total catch by vessels with observers on board	571MT	324MT
7. Species composition of catches in vessels with observers on board	<b>WEIGHT:</b> ALB(46.77%),BET(29.33%),YFT(5.24%),SWO(5.43%),BUM(2.26%),MLS(1.57%),SKX(3.69%),OTH(5.71%) <b>NUMBER:</b> ALB(64.68%),BET(13.95%),YFT(4.09%),SWO(2.41%),BUM(0.78%),MLS(0.55%),SKX(2.39%),OTH(11.15%)	<b>WEIGHT:</b> ALB(51.34%),BET(19.14%),YFT(5.79%),SWO(9.24%),BUM(6.17%),MLS(0.65%),SKX(4.51%),OTH(3.16%) <b>NUMBER:</b> ALB(66.82%),BET(10.41%),YFT(4.23%),SWO(4.33%),BUM(2.30%),MLS(0.33%),SKX(4.44%),OTH(7.13%)
8. Number of vessels with observers on board	13	11
9. Number of sea turtles caught incidentally on trips with observers	0	2
10. Sea turtles caught incidentally were released?	-	Y
11. Number of sharks caught in trips with observers	1,208	830
12. Number of rays captured on trips with observers	859	251
13. Number of billfishes captured in trips with observers	1,341	971
14. Number of hooks used on fishing trips with observer	2,382,598	1,248,070
15. Type of hooks used.	J hook:68% circle hook:32%	J hook:51% circle hook:49%

Year	2014	2015*
Observer data on the number of OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARKS released with fate information	20(dead), 10(alive)	1(alive), 19(unknow)

\* The data of 2015 is still in preliminary for observer data being not retrieved completely.