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2017 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER REPORT FOR BELIZE
TUNA LONGLINE FISHERY IN THE IATTC
CONVENTION AREA

ANNUAL REPORT RELATING TO AT SEA OBSERVER COVERAGE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH RESOLUTION C-11-08

Reporting Country: BELIZE

Fishing Year: 2017

Total Annual Catches of the Longline fleet: 395.286m/t (*provisional*)

Percentage Coverage of fishing effort by observers

(Considered as fishing days): 70%

Basis: % of days fished to actual days in fishing area

Total Annual Catches by vessels with observers on board: 91.23 m/t

Species composition of catches in vessels with observers on board:

Retained species were predominantly		Retained by-catch species were	
English Name	Scientific Name	English Name	Scientific Name
Blue Shark	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	Blue Marlin	<i>Makaira nigricans</i>
Silky Grey Shark	<i>Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos</i>	Yellowfin Tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>
Thresher shark	<i>Alopias spp</i>	Sailfish	<i>Istiophorus</i>
Swordfish	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>		

Number of vessels with observers on board:

One (1)

Number of sea turtles caught incidentally on trips with observers on board:

Two (5)

Were sea turtles caught incidentally released?

YES – two were released alive in good condition and three were released alive with minor injuries

Number of sharks caught in trips with observers:

Three hundred and twelve (312)

Number of rays captured on trips with observers:

Three (3) – All were released alive but with minor injuries

Number of billfishes captured in trips with observers:

Thirty four (34)

Number of hooks used on fishing trips with observers:

Seventeen thousand nine hundred and one (17,901)

Type of hooks used:

Circle Hooks