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**2024 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER REPORT FOR VANUATU  
LONGLINE FISHERY IN THE ANTIGUA CONVENTION AREA**

## FLEET INFORMATION (vessels &gt;20m LOA)

|                                                                                         |            | Both set types combined |       |                        |      |            |      | Shallow sets<br>( <small>&lt;15 HPB/HBF<sup>1</sup> or &lt;100m max hook depth</small> ) |       |                        |      |            |      | Deep sets<br>( <small>≥15 HPB/HBF or ≥100m max hook depth</small> ) |       |                        |      |            |      |
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| Period covered                                                                          |            | From                    |       |                        | To   |            |      | From                                                                                     |       |                        | To   |            |      | From                                                                |       |                        | To   |            |      |
|                                                                                         | Date range | Day                     | Month | Year                   | Day  | Month      | Year | Day                                                                                      | Month | Year                   | Day  | Month      | Year | Day                                                                 | Month | Year                   | Day  | Month      | Year |
|                                                                                         |            | 1                       | JAN   | 2024                   | 31   | DEC        | 2024 | 1                                                                                        | JAN   | 2024                   | 31   | DEC        | 2024 | 1                                                                   | JAN   | 2024                   | 31   | DEC        | 2024 |
| Area fished                                                                             | Longitude  | Deg.                    | Min.  | Hem.                   | Deg. | Min.       | Hem. | Deg.                                                                                     | Min.  | Hem.                   | Deg. | Min.       | Hem. | Deg.                                                                | Min.  | Hem.                   | Deg. | Min.       | Hem. |
|                                                                                         |            | 149                     | 44    | W                      | 149  | 4          | W    | 149                                                                                      | 44    | W                      | 149  | 4          | W    |                                                                     |       | W                      |      |            | W    |
|                                                                                         | Latitude   | Deg.                    | Min.  | Hem.                   | Deg. | Min.       | Hem. | Deg.                                                                                     | Min.  | Hem.                   | Deg. | Min.       | Hem. | Deg.                                                                | Min.  | Hem.                   | Deg. | Min.       | Hem. |
|                                                                                         |            | 34                      | 18    | N                      | 36   | 34         | S    | 34                                                                                       | 18    | N                      | 36   | 34         | S    |                                                                     |       | N                      |      |            | S    |
|                                                                                         |            | Total Fleet             |       | Observed               |      | % observed |      | Total Fleet                                                                              |       | Observed               |      | % observed |      | Total Fleet                                                         |       | Observed               |      | % observed |      |
| No. of vessels that fished                                                              |            | 11                      |       | 2                      |      | 18         |      | 3                                                                                        |       | 2                      |      | 67         |      | 8                                                                   |       |                        |      |            |      |
| No. of trips                                                                            |            | 14                      |       | 3                      |      | 21         |      | 3                                                                                        |       | 3                      |      | 100        |      | 11                                                                  |       |                        |      |            |      |
| No. of effective days fishing                                                           |            | 323                     |       | 45                     |      | 14         |      | 54                                                                                       |       | 45                     |      | 83         |      | 269                                                                 |       |                        |      |            |      |
| No. of sets                                                                             |            | 323                     |       | 45                     |      | 14         |      | 54                                                                                       |       | 45                     |      | 83         |      | 269                                                                 |       |                        |      |            |      |
| No. of hooks (in thousands)<br><i>(If unknown, approx. no. of hooks/set, using a *)</i> |            | 869                     |       |                        |      |            |      | 187                                                                                      |       | 101                    |      | 54         |      | 682                                                                 |       |                        |      |            |      |
| Predominant <sup>2</sup> hook type/size (IATTC <a href="#">(IATTC code)</a> )           |            | circle                  |       | circle                 |      |            |      |                                                                                          |       |                        |      |            |      |                                                                     |       |                        |      |            |      |
| Predominant bait type <sup>3</sup>                                                      |            | <a href="#">Select</a>  |       | <a href="#">Select</a> |      |            |      | <a href="#">Select</a>                                                                   |       | <a href="#">Select</a> |      |            |      | <a href="#">Select</a>                                              |       | <a href="#">Select</a> |      |            |      |

<sup>1</sup> Hooks per basket / Hooks between floats<sup>2</sup> "Predominant" means most common, i.e., >50%. [Click here for IATTC hook codes.](#)<sup>3</sup> Bait code: SQ – squid; F – fishes (e.g. Scomber spp.); A – artificial lure (e.g. plastic jig)

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| Billfishes |                                                 |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| SWO        | Swordfish (Xiphias gladius)                     | 1 | 5 |  | 1 | 5 |  |  |  |  |
|            | <a href="#">Click to add a billfish species</a> |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
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