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**2022 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER REPORT FOR JAPAN
LONGLINE FISHERY IN THE ANTIGUA CONVENTION AREA**

FLEET INFORMATION (vessels >20m LOA)

		Both set types combined						Shallow sets (<15 HPB/HBF ¹ or <100 m max hook depth)						Deep sets (≥ 15 HPB/HBF or ≥ 100 m 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	2022	31	DEC	2022	21	MAY	2022	31	AUG	2022	1	JAN	2022	31	DEC	2022
Area fished	Longitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		78	8	W	150	0	W	79	58	W	86	0	W	78	8	W	150	0	W
	Latitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		9	57	N	33	45	S	24	55	S	31	52	S	9	57	N	33	45	S
		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed	
No. of vessels that fished		30						1						30					
No. of trips		52						1						51					
No. of effective days fishing		4,508						101						4,407					
No. of sets		4,509						101						4,408					
No. of hooks (in thousands) (If unknown, approx. no. of hooks/set, using a *)		11,913						271						11,641					
Predominant ² hook type/size (IATTC (IATTC code))																			
Predominant bait type ³		SQ & F						SQ & F						SQ & F					

¹ Hooks per basket / Hooks between floats² "Predominant" means most common, i.e., $>50\%$. [Click here for IATTC hook codes.](#)³ Bait code: SQ – squid; F – fishes (e.g. Scomber spp.); A – artificial lure (e.g. plastic jig)

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	Click to add a seabird species									
	For additional species caught, enter species code and species in rows below									
	Antipodian albatross (Diomedea antipodensis)									
	Short-tailed albatross (Phoebastria albatrus)									
Billfishes										
MLS	Striped marlin (Kajikia audax)									
SSP	Shortbill spearfish (Tetrapturus angustirostris)									
BUM	Blue marlin (Makaira nigricans)									
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