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**2024 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER REPORT FOR UNITED STATES
LOONGLINE FISHERY IN THE ANTIGUA CONVENTION AREA**

FLEET INFORMATION (vessels >20m LOA)																				
Period covered		Both set types combined						Shallow sets (<15 HPB/HBF¹ or <100m max hook depth)						Deep sets (≥15 HPB/HBF or ≥100m max hook depth)						
		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	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.
			125	0	W	150	0	W	125	0	W	150	0	W	116	0	W	150	0	W
		Latitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
			16	0	N	38	0	N	16	0	N	38	0	N	14	0	N	43	0	N
		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed		
No. of vessels that fished		90		36		40		7		7		100		83		29		35		
No. of trips		205		45		22		12		12		100		193		33		17		
No. of effective days fishing																				
No. of sets		1847		414		22		113		113		100		1734		301		17		
No. of hooks (in thousands) <i>(If unknown, approx. no. of hooks/set, using a *)</i>		5630		1074		19		155		155		100		5475		919		17		
Predominant ² hook type/size (IATTC (IATTC code))		C-22		C-22				C-02		C-02				C-22		C-22				
Predominant bait type ³		F		F				F		F				F		F				

¹ Hooks per basket / Hooks between floats

² "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									
Billfishes										
BIL	Marlin, sailfish, spearfish, nei (Istiophoridae, Xiphiidae)	1								
BUM	Blue marlin (Makaira nigricans)	1			1	1				
MLS	Striped marlin (Kajikia audax)	19	41					13	41	
BXQ	Marlin, nei (Makaira spp.)	1	1					1	1	
SSP	Shortbill spearfish (Tetrapturus angustirostris)	6	44					6	44	

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