

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13TH MEETING

(by videoconference)

16-20 May 2022

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**2021 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER REPORT FOR BELIZE TUNA
LONGLINE FISHERY IN THE ANTIGUA CONVENTION AREA**

FLEET INFORMATION (vessels >20m LOA)

		Both set types combined						Shallow sets (<15 HPB/HBF ¹ or <100m max hook depth)						Deep sets (≥15 HPB/HBF or ≥100m max hook depth)					
		From			To			From			To			From			To		
Period covered	Date range	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
				Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select
Area fished	Longitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
				W			W			W			W			W			W
Area fished	Latitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
				Select			Select			Select			Select			Select			Select
		Total Fleet	Observed	% observed	Total Fleet	Observed	% observed	Total Fleet	Observed	% observed	Total Fleet	Observed	% observed						
No. of vessels that fished		1																	
No. of trips		1																	
No. of effective days fishing		5																	
No. of sets																			
No. of hooks (in thousands) <i>(If unknown, approx. no. of hooks/set, using a *)</i>		5600																	
Predominant ² hook type/size (IATTC IATTC code)		circle																	
Predominant bait type ³		Select	Select		Select	Select		Select	Select		Select	Select							

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													
	Click to add a billfish species												
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NINTH MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)

14-18 May 2017

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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