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

FLEET INFORMATION (vessels >20m LOA)																			
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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	2021	31	DEC	2021	13	AUG	2021	21	OCT	2021	1	JAN	2021	31	DEC	2021
Area fished	Longitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		77	34	W	149	59	W	85	23	W	141	6	W	77	34	W	149	59	W
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		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed	
No. of vessels that fished		37						2						37					
No. of trips		65						2						64					
No. of effective days fishing		5,816						72						5,744					
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No. of hooks (in thousands) <i>(If unknown, approx. no. of hooks/set, using a *)</i>		15,365						168						15,198					
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¹ Hooks per basket / Hooks between floats

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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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