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**2023 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 <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
				1	JAN	2023	31	DEC	2023	3	JAN	2023	31	DEC	2023	1	JAN	2023	31
Area fished	Longitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		74	32	W	149	0	W	80	28	W	98	5	W	74	32	W	149	0	W
	Latitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		21	5	N	31	4	S	5	1	N	30	20	S	21	5	N	31	4	S
		Total Fleet	Observed	% observed	Total Fleet	Observed	% observed	Total Fleet	Observed	% observed	Total Fleet	Observed	% observed						
No. of vessels that fished		22	3		2			20	3										
No. of trips		35	3		4			31	3										
No. of effective days fishing		2,310	99	4	102			2,208	99	4									
No. of sets		2,310	99	4	102			2,208	99	4									
No. of hooks (in thousands) <i>(If unknown, approx. no. of hooks/set, using a *)</i>		6,072	241		278			5,793	241										
Predominant ² hook type/size (IATTC IATTC code)			Circle 3.8 sun					Circle 3.8 sun											
Predominant bait type ³		SQ & F	SQ & F		SQ & F			SQ & F	SQ & 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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For additional species caught, enter species code and species in rows below										
	Antipodian albatross (<i>Diomedea antipodensis</i>)									
	Short-tailed albatross (<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>)									
Billfishes										
MLS	Striped marlin (<i>Kajikia audax</i>)									
SSP	Shortbill spearfish (<i>Tetrapturus angustirostris</i>)	4	33					4	33	
BUM	Blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>)		1						1	
	Click to add a billfish species									
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