

A review of the Shark Fishery

Statistics available from the IATTC

Observer Program

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Outline

- Description of fishery
- Observer program
- Shark bycatch statistics (FAL and OCS)
 - Fishing Effort (numbers of sets)
 - Capture per set (observed shark bycatch)
 - Length frequency
 - Size and sex distribution

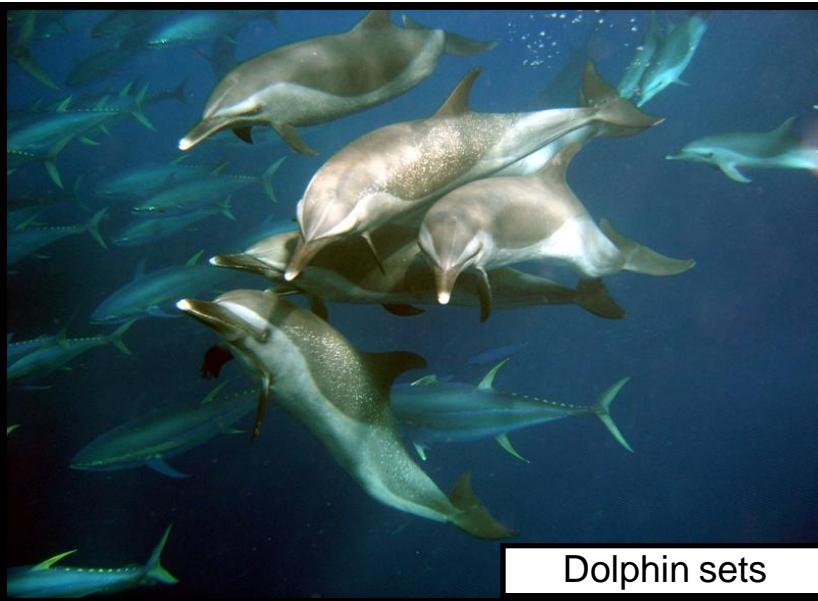
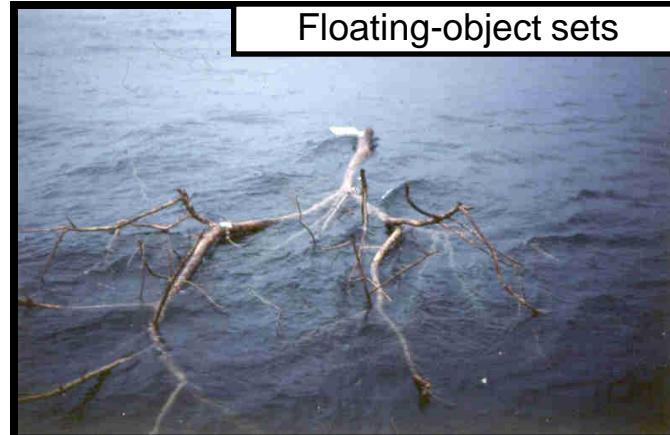


Three types of purse-seine sets

Unassociated sets



Floating-object sets

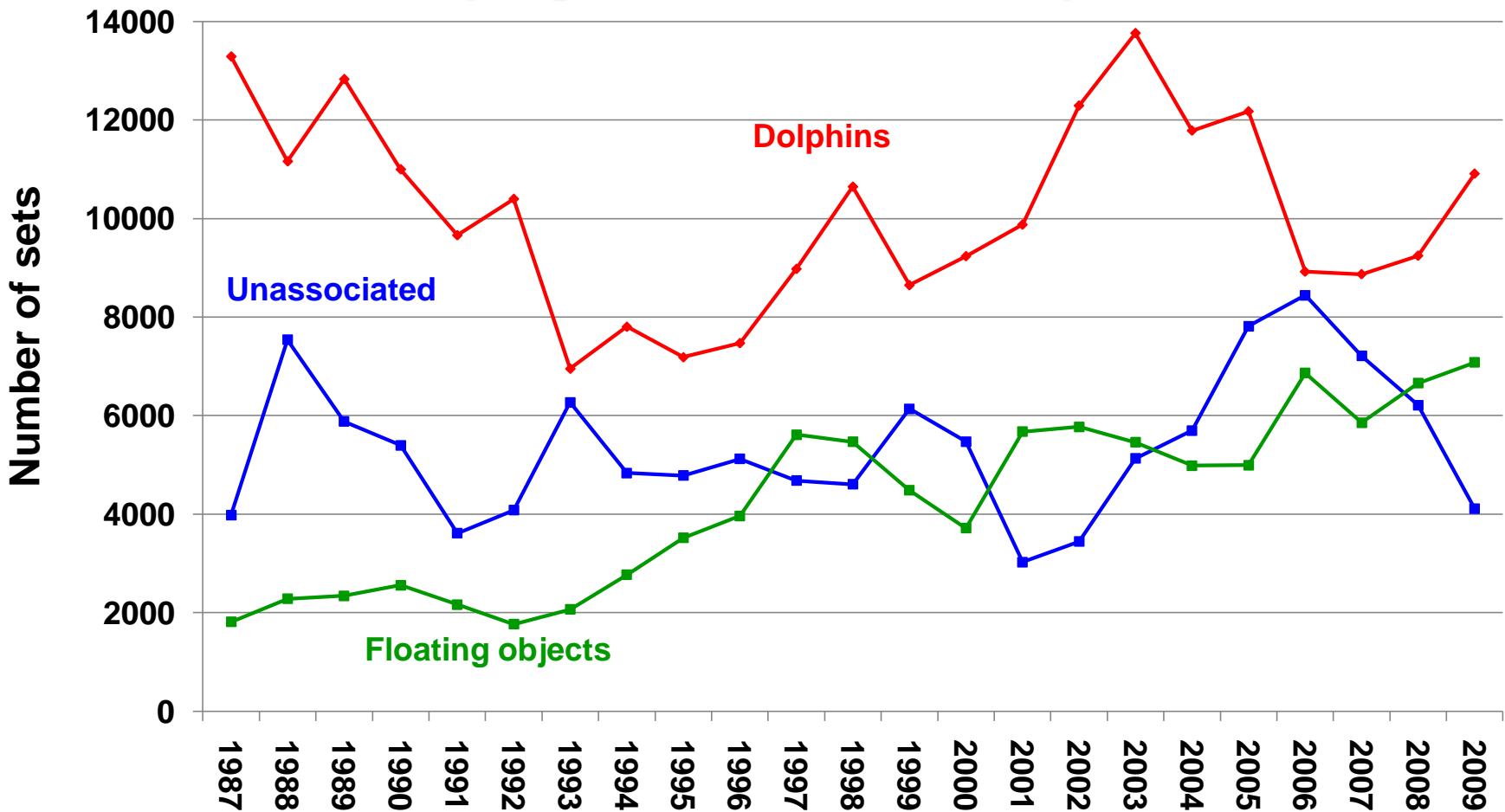


Dolphin sets

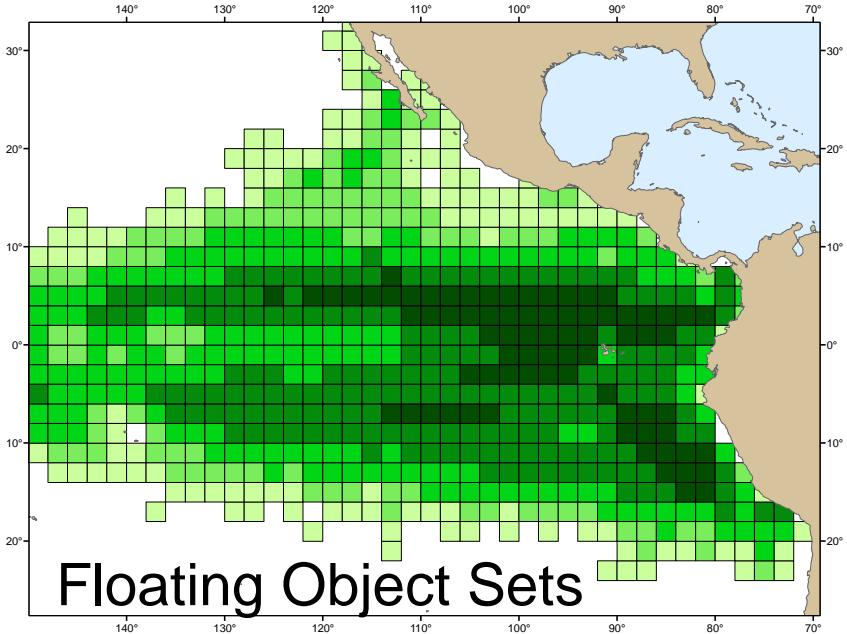


Total fishing effort

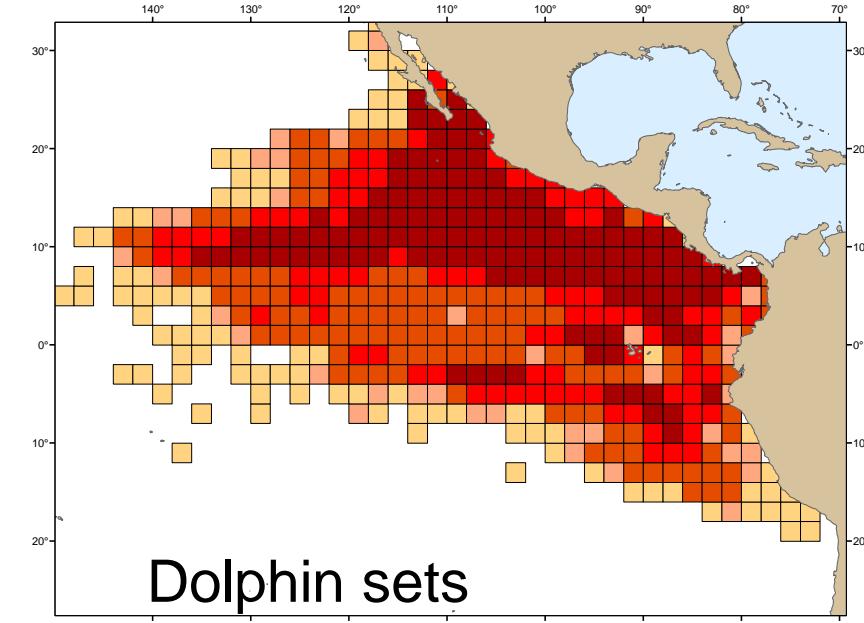
**Number of purse-seine sets by set type, 1987-2009
(large vessels, >364 mt)**



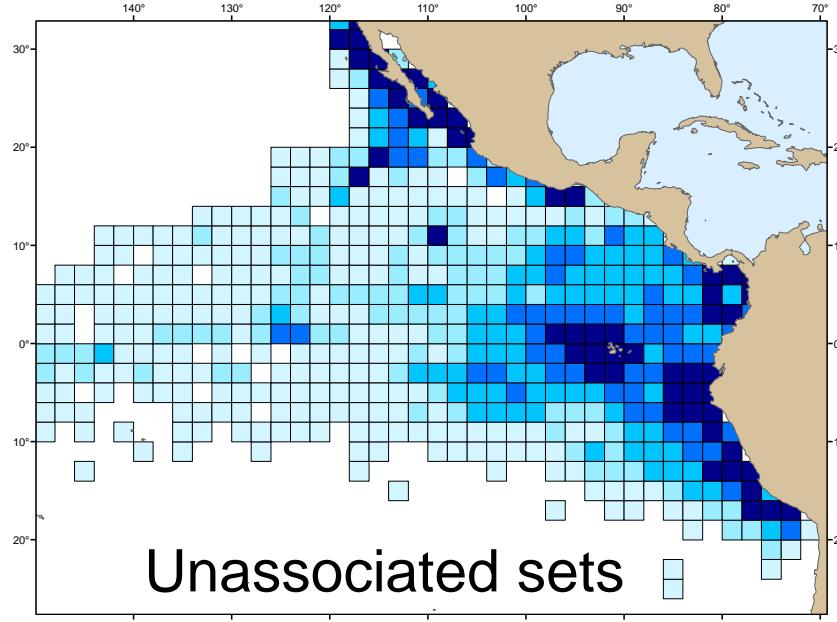
Spatial distribution of fishing effort



Floating Object Sets



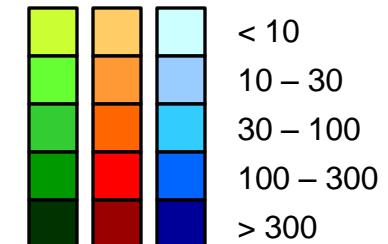
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Unassociated sets

1993 - 2009

Num of sets



IATTC Observer program



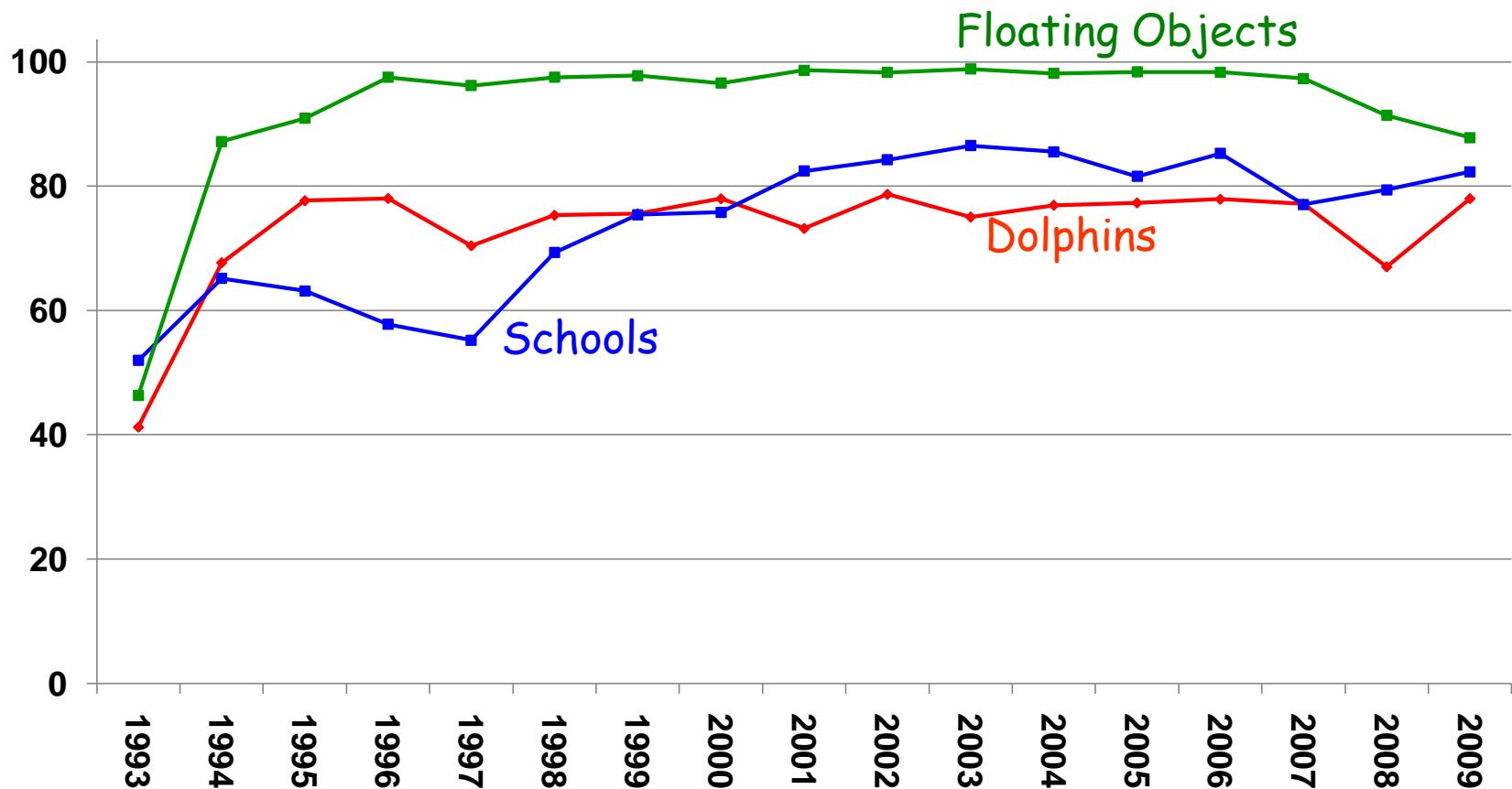
- Observer program began in 1979, sampling almost exclusively large vessels (≥ 364 mt)



- By 1992, 100% of trips of large vessels sampled by a combination of IATTC and national observer programs
- By 1993, IATTC and national programs began collecting data on non-mammal bycatch (including sharks)

Sampling coverage (%)

Observer sampling coverage for shark bycatch of the international fleet (large vessels, >364 mt)



Shark bycatch data collected by IATTC observers

- 1993-2004
 - Amount of bycatch (number of animals OR weight), by size category: small (<90cm), medium (90-150cm), large (>150cm)
 - for following groups (other sharks, oceanic whitetip, blacktip, silky, hammerhead pooled, unidentified)
- From 2005
 - Size frequency data
 - Sex determinations
 - Taxonomic resolution increase

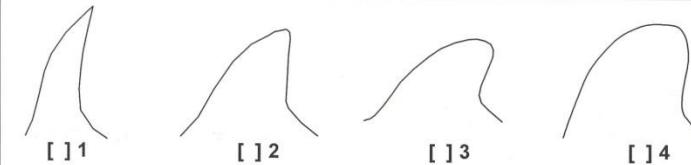


Registro de tiburones (2005 – Present)

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REGISTRO DE TIBURONES

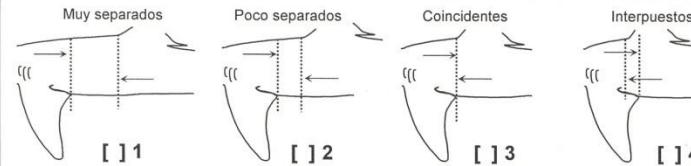
FORMA DE LA PRIMERA ALETA DORSAL



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RELACIÓN ENTRE LA PRIMERA ALETA DORSAL Y LA PECTORAL



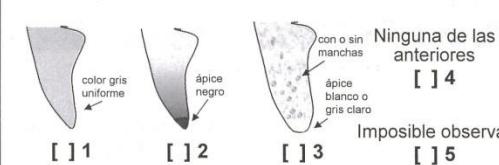
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LONGITUD DEL BORDE INTERNO DE LA SEGUNDA ALETA DORSAL

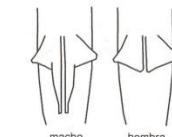


COLORACIÓN DE LA ALETA PECTORAL (cara externa)



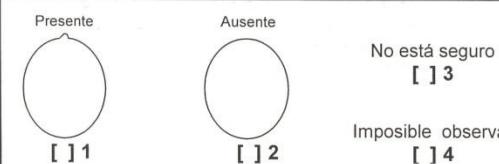
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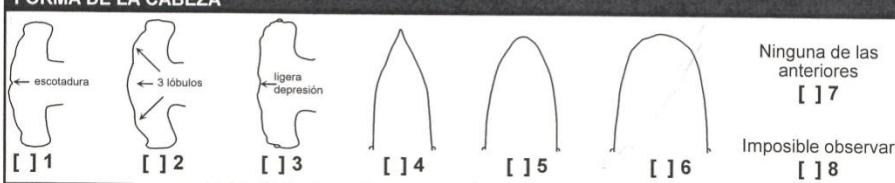
segunda aleta dorsal

PRESENCIA - AUSENCIA DE LA CRESTA INTERDORSAL

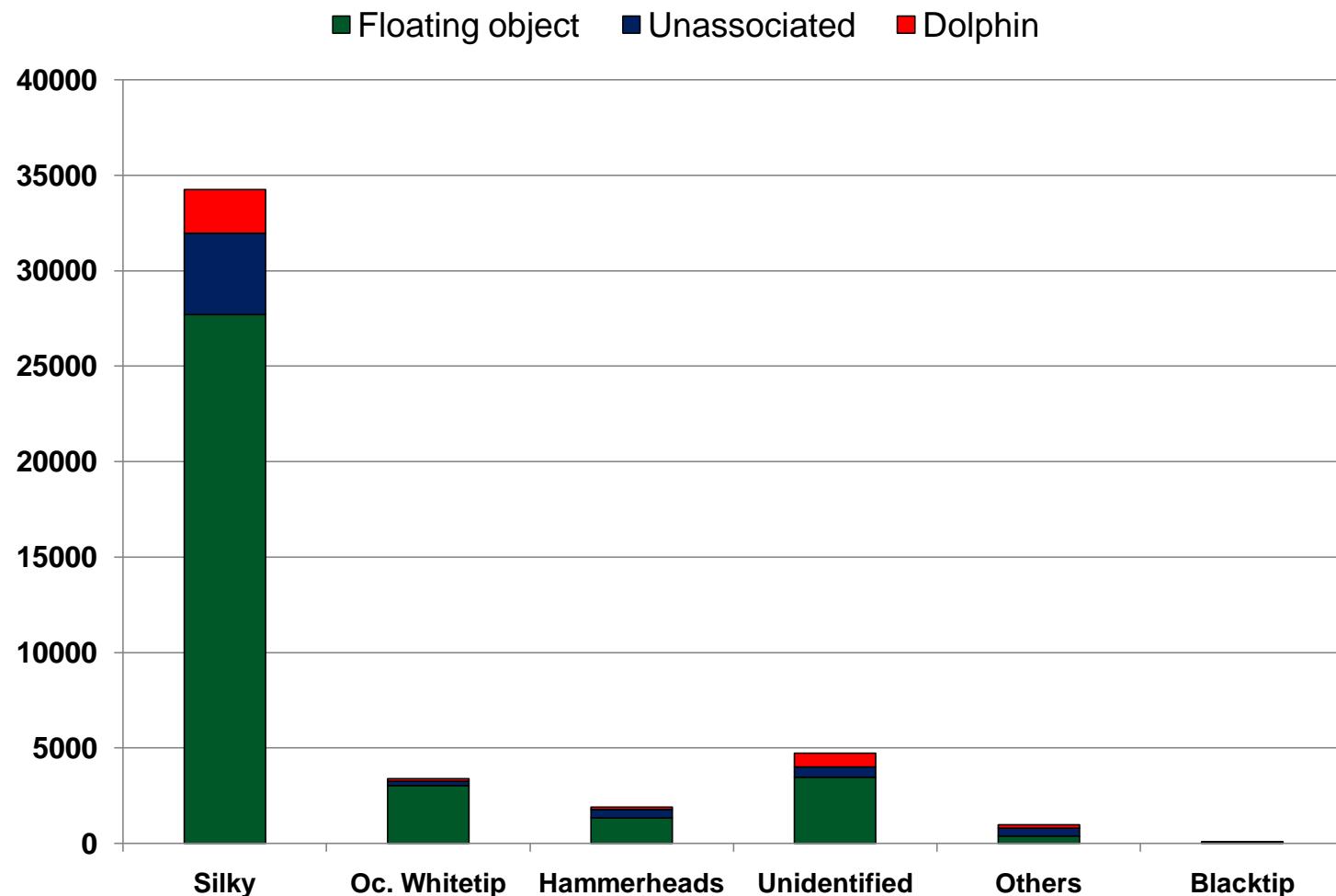


The diagram illustrates the dorsal profile of a shark. Key features labeled include the 'primera aleta dorsal' (first dorsal fin) at the front, the 'segunda aleta dorsal' (second dorsal fin) further back, and the 'crestas interdorsales' (interdorsal ridges). A dashed vertical line extends from the snout tip to the second dorsal fin. The total length of the shark is indicated by a horizontal line below the body, labeled 'longitud total'.

COMENTARIOS ADICIONALES:



Estimated yearly avg. of capture of shark species (num. individuals) 1993 – 2009

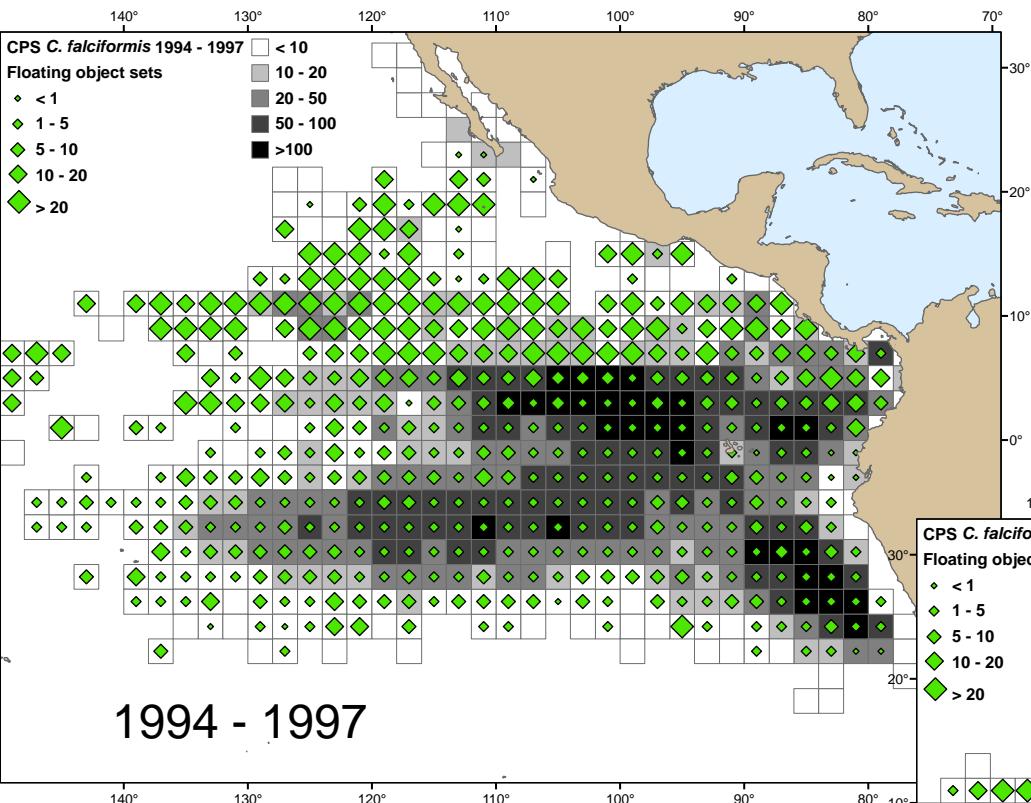


IATTC Observer database shark composition 1994 - 2008

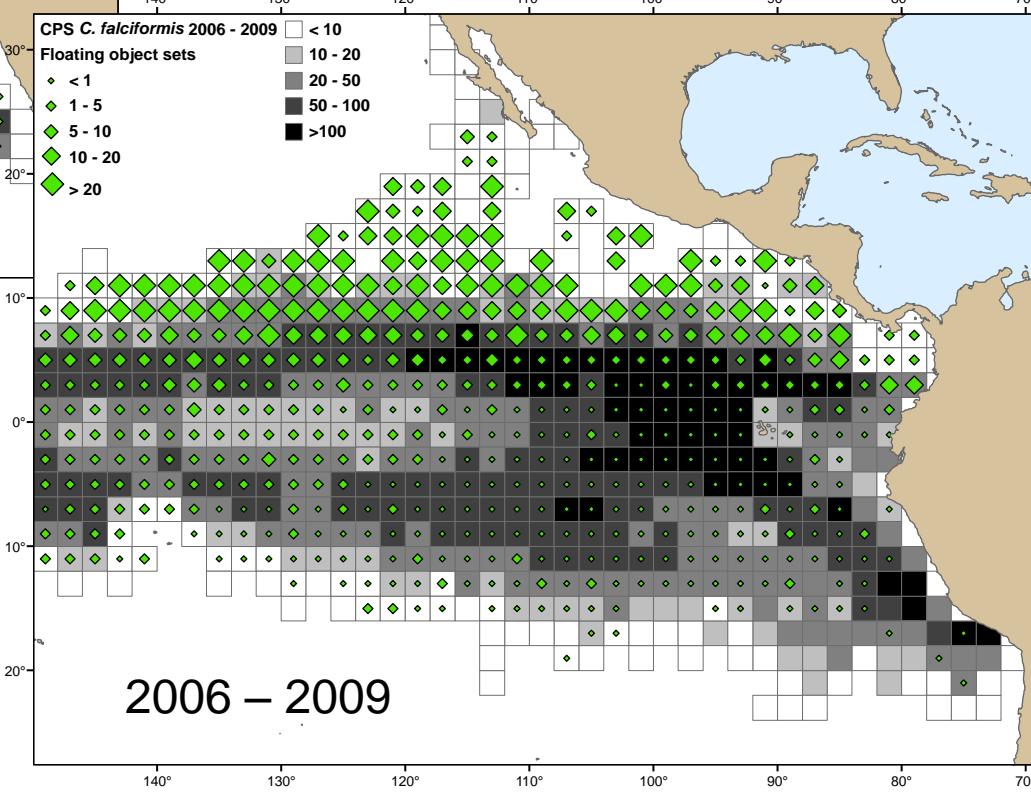
Species	%
<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>	76.1
<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	8.8
Unidentified sharks	8.1
<i>Sphyraña</i> sp.	3.6
Other <i>Carcharhinus</i>	1.9
<i>Alopias</i> sp.	0.9
Other species	0.4
<i>Isurus</i> sp.	0.2

Video de identificación de tiburones:
<http://www.iatc.org/DownloadsSPN.htm>

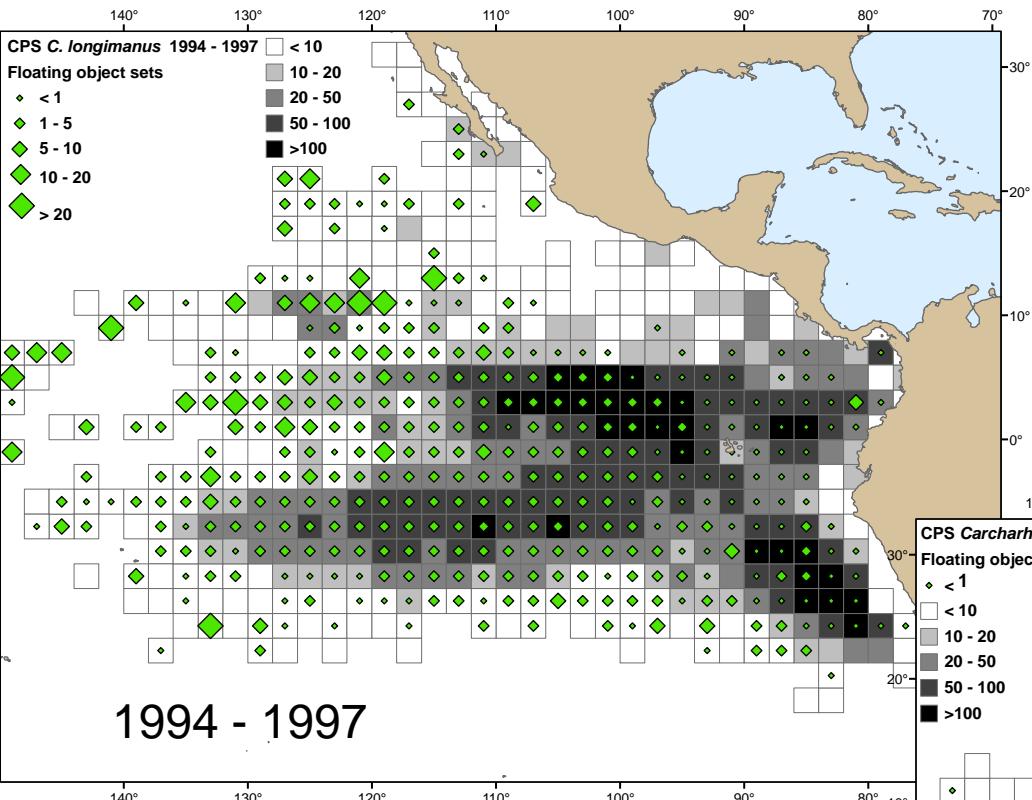
Fishing effort and CPS (num. individuals) – silky sharks



Floating object sets



Fishing effort and CPS (num. individuals) – Oc. whitetip



Floating object sets

CPS *Carcharhinus longimanus* 2006 - 2009

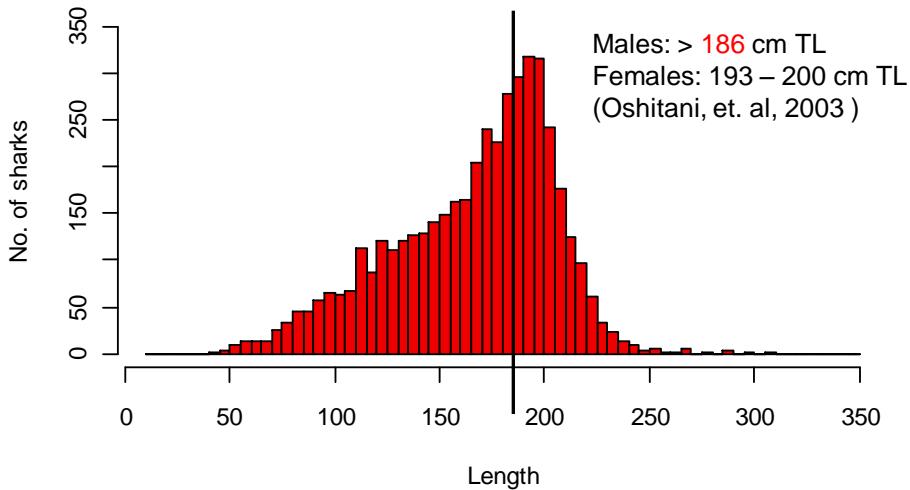
- Floating object sets
- < 1
 - < 10
 - 10 - 20
 - 20 - 50
 - 50 - 100
 - >100

2006 - 2009

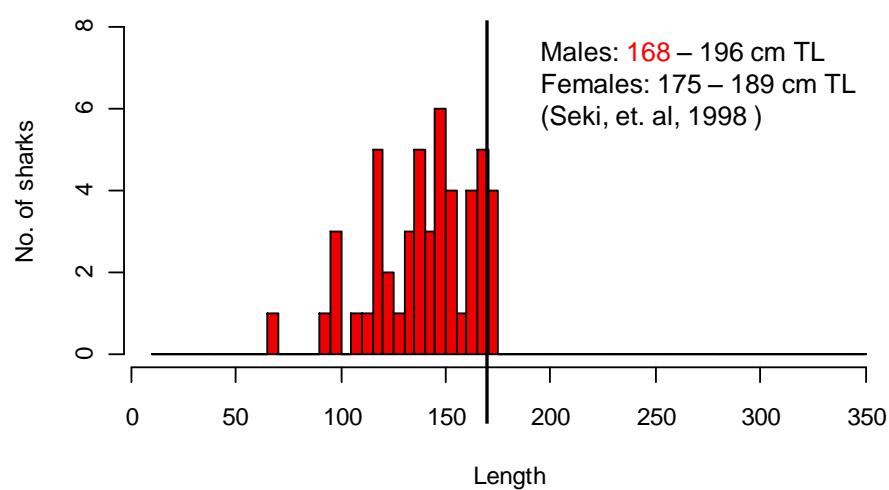
140° 130° 120° 110° 100° 90° 80° 70°

Length frequency distribution (cm) for Silky (*Carcharhinus falciformis*) and Oceanic whitetip shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*) caught by set type on sets made from 2005 to 2009.

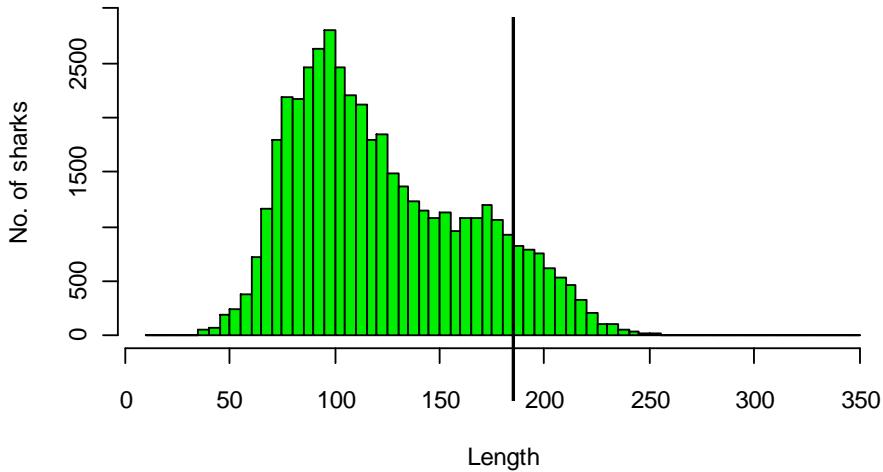
Silky Sharks
Dolphin - Unassociated



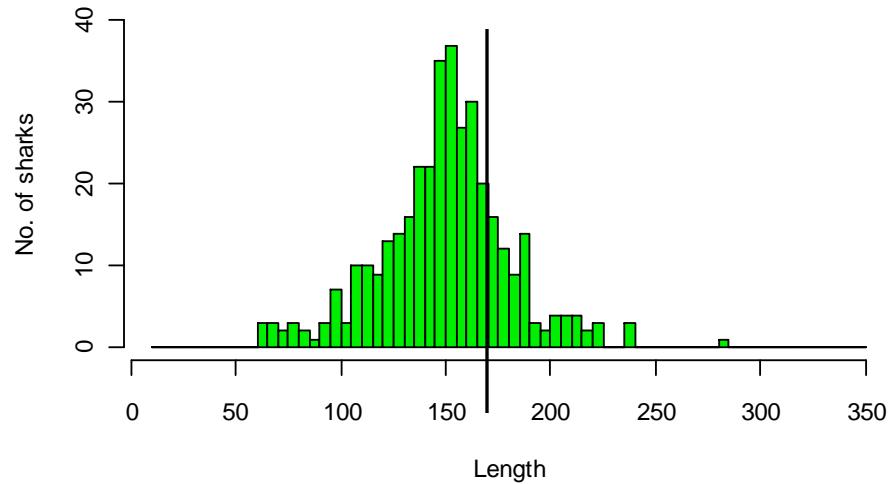
Oceanic whitetip sharks
Dolphin - Unassociated



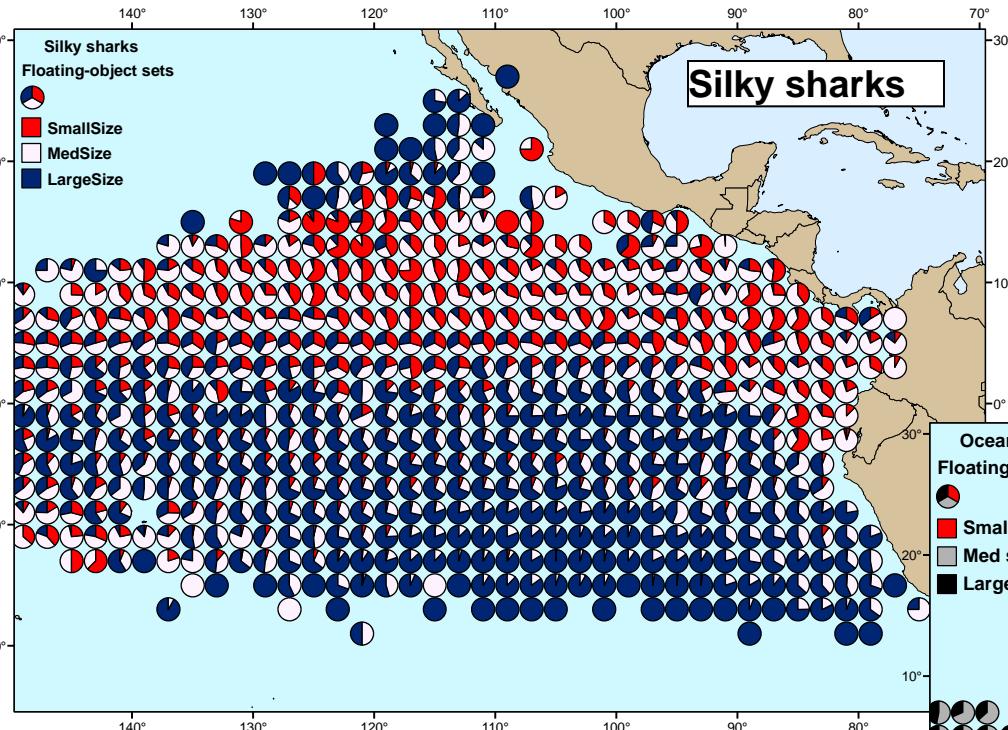
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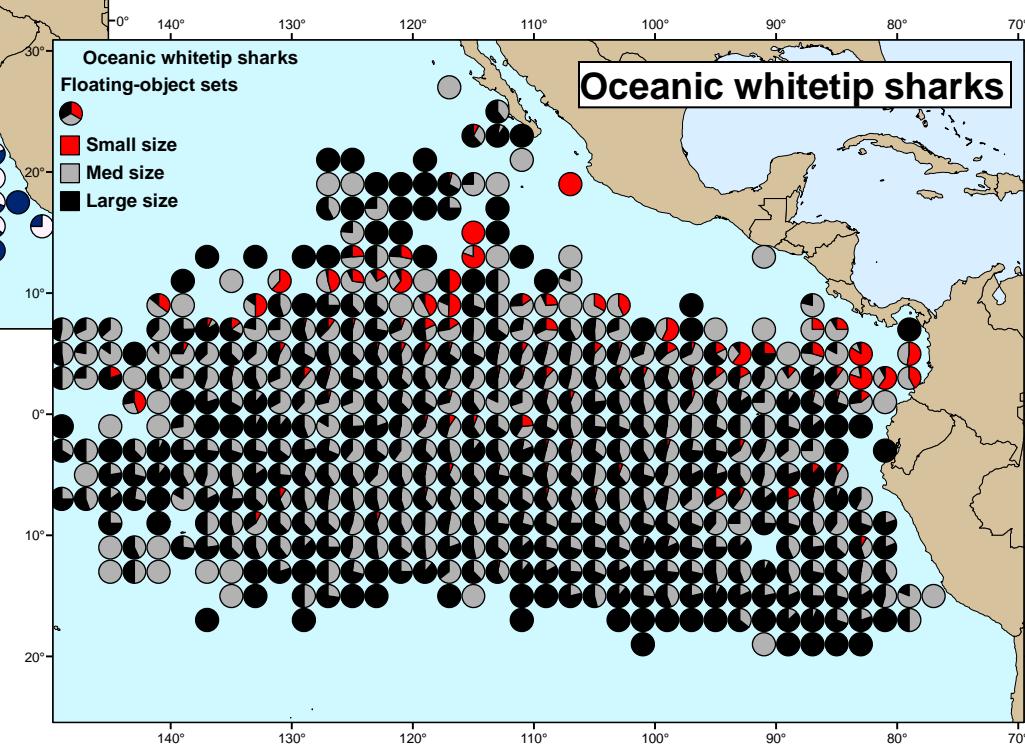
FAL and OCS size distribution 1994 – 2008 (Floating object sets)

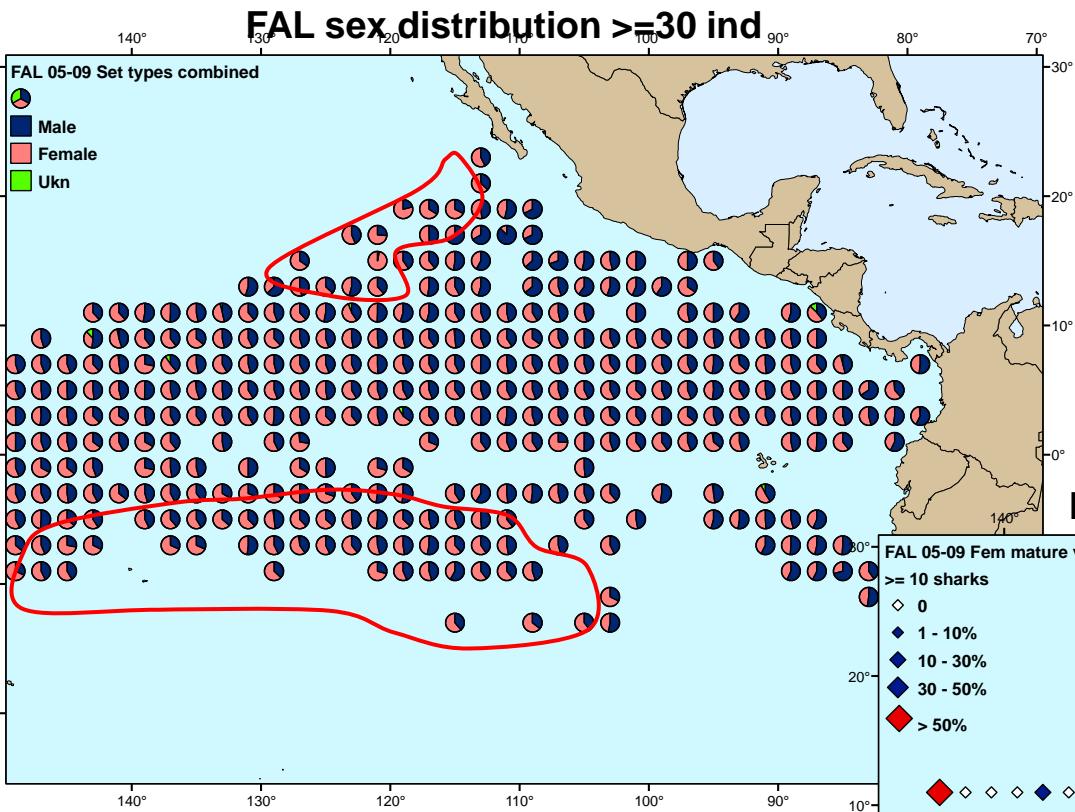


Watson et al, 2008

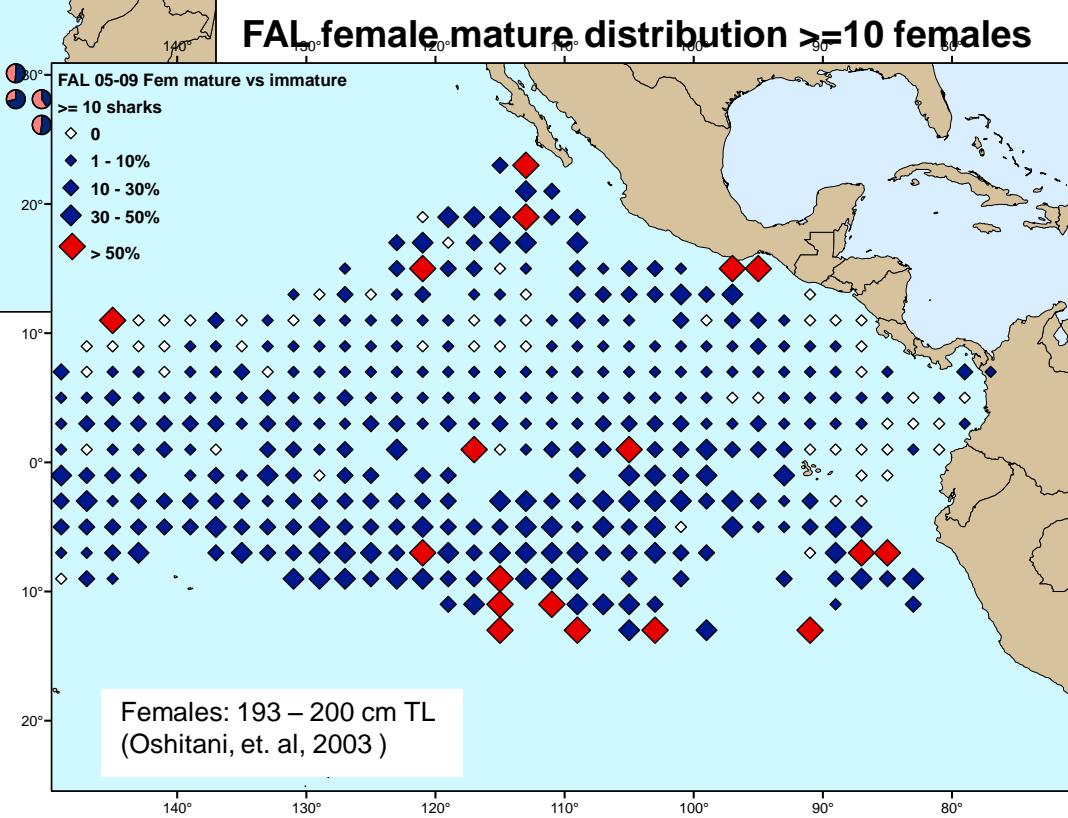
Roman-Verdesoto and Orozco, 2005

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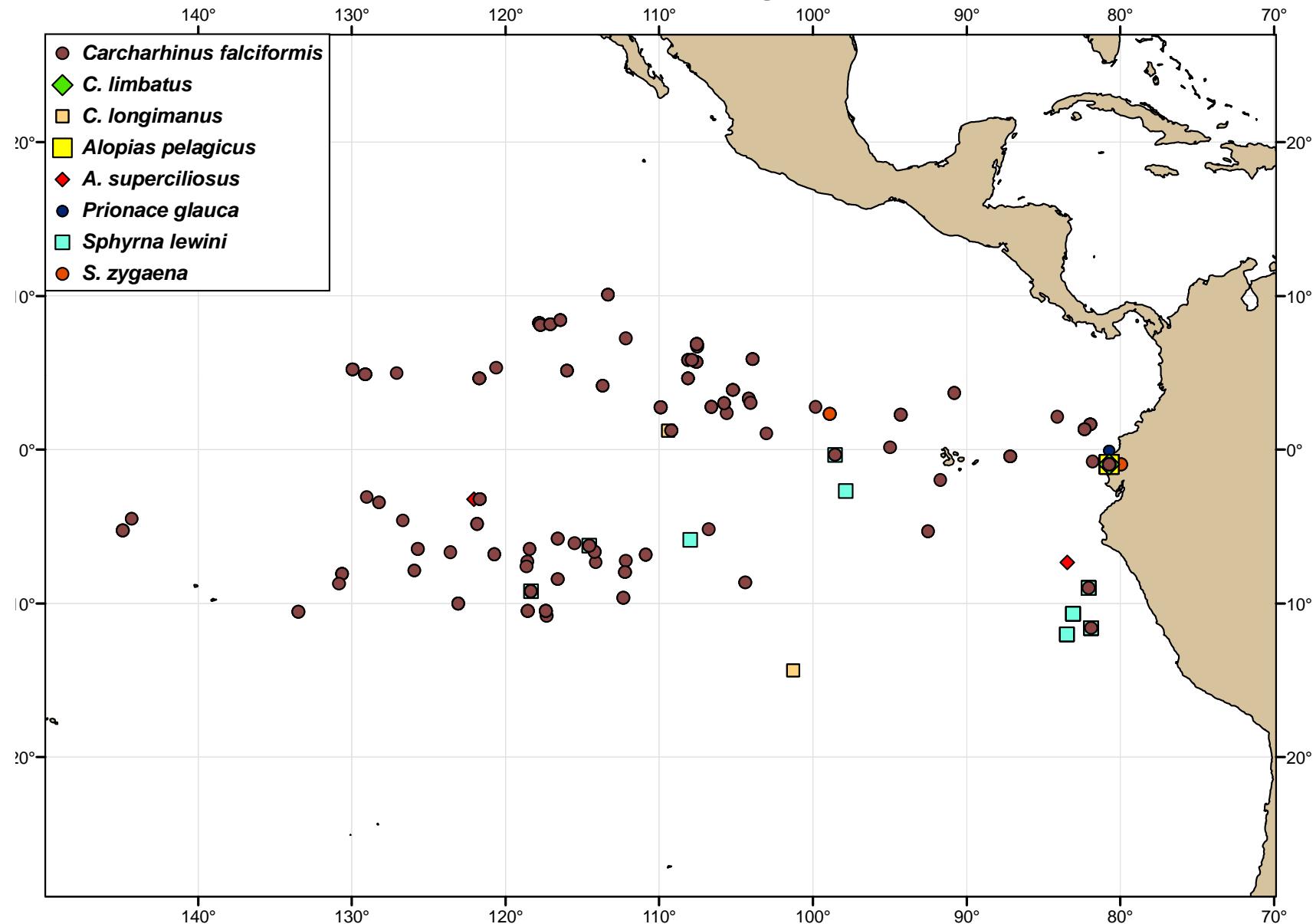




2005 – 2009 (All set types)



Tissue samples collected for large-scale stock structure

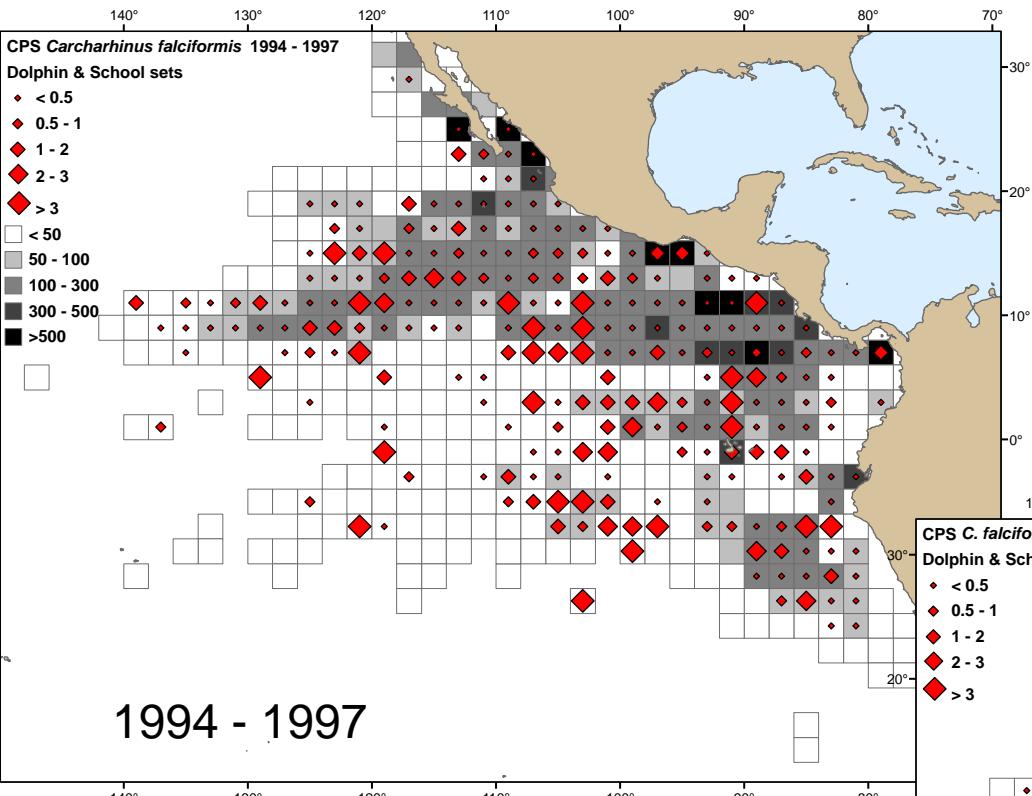


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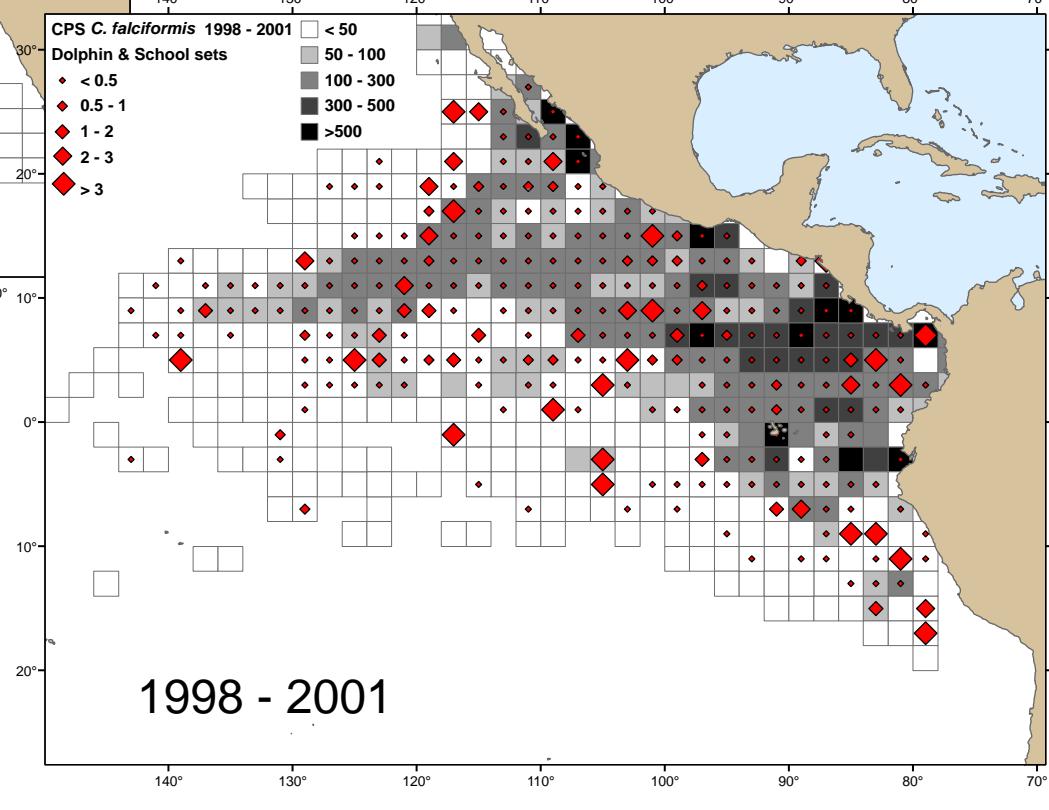
- IATTC staff (observers and data editing)

Additional slides

Fishing effort and CPS (num. individuals) – silky sharks



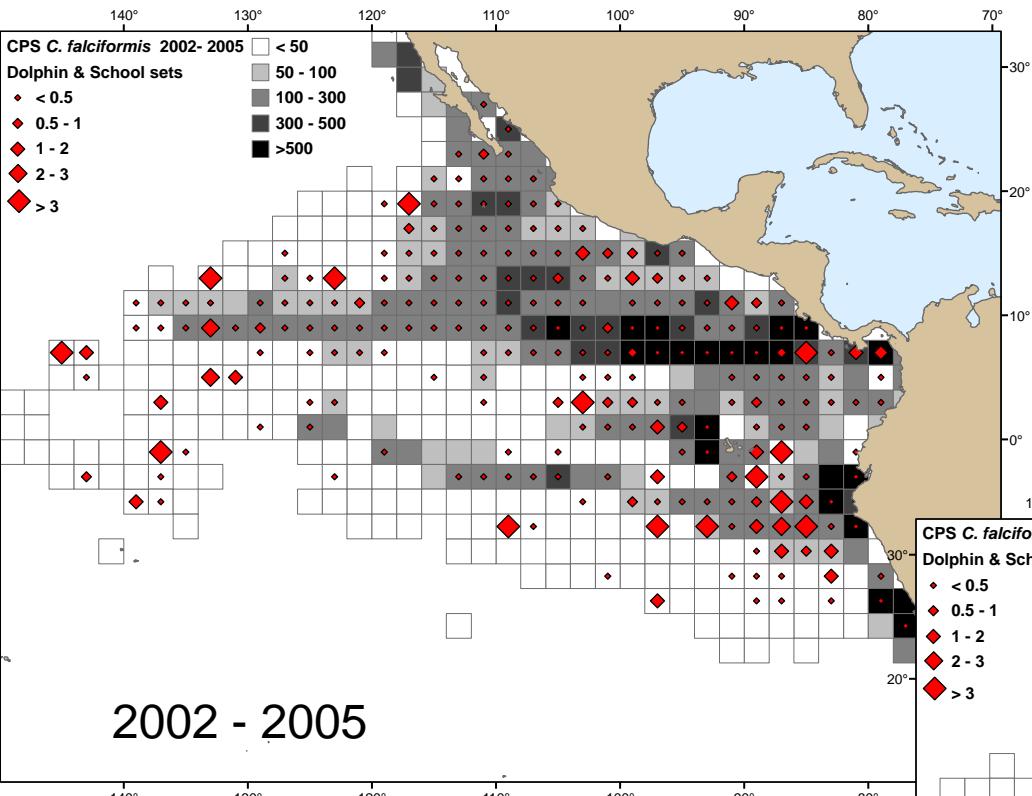
Dolphin and unassociated sets



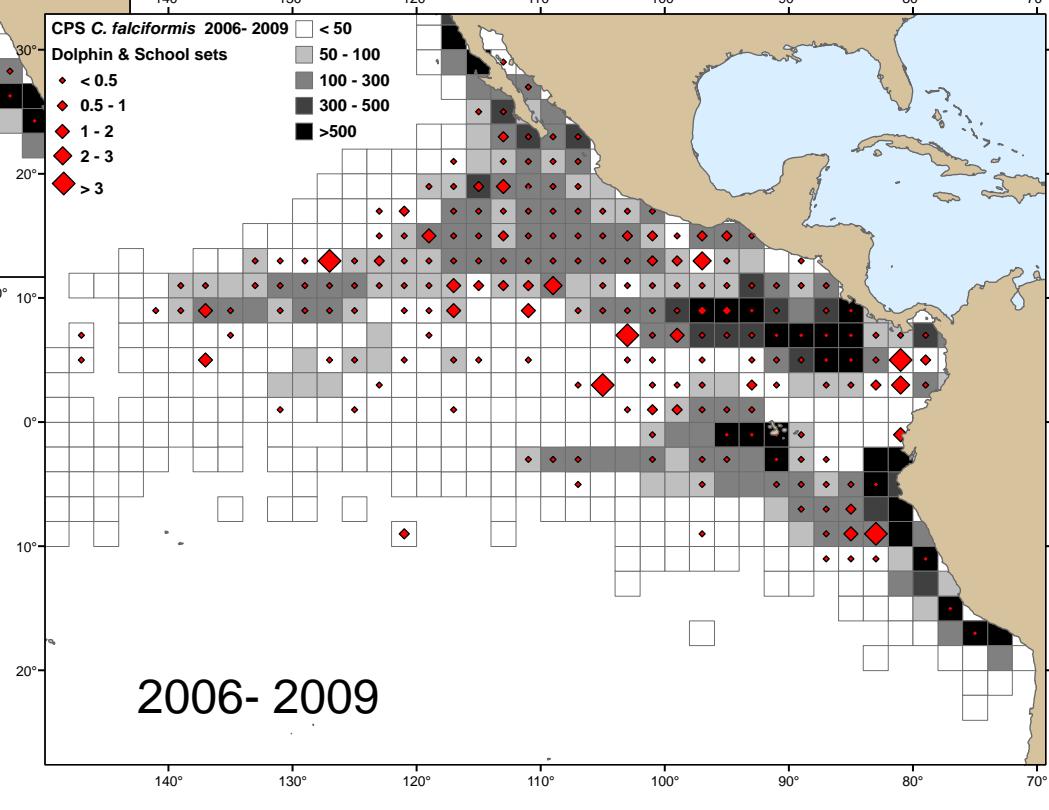
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1998 - 2001

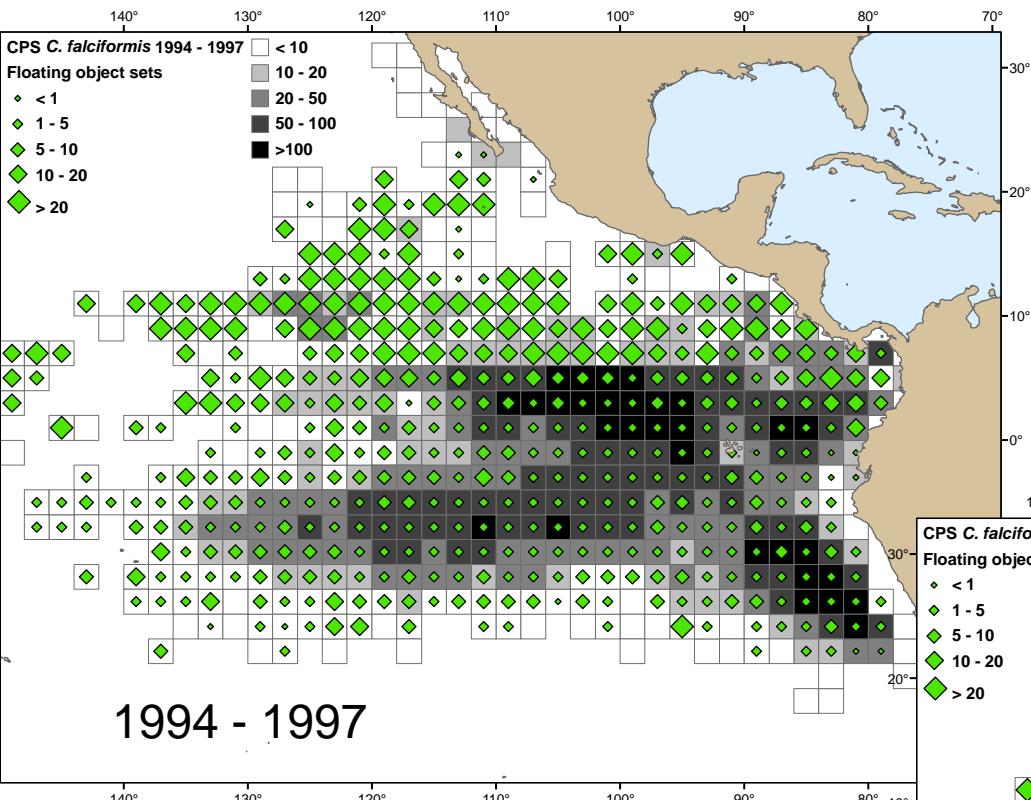
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Floating object sets

CPS *C. falciformis* 1998 - 2001

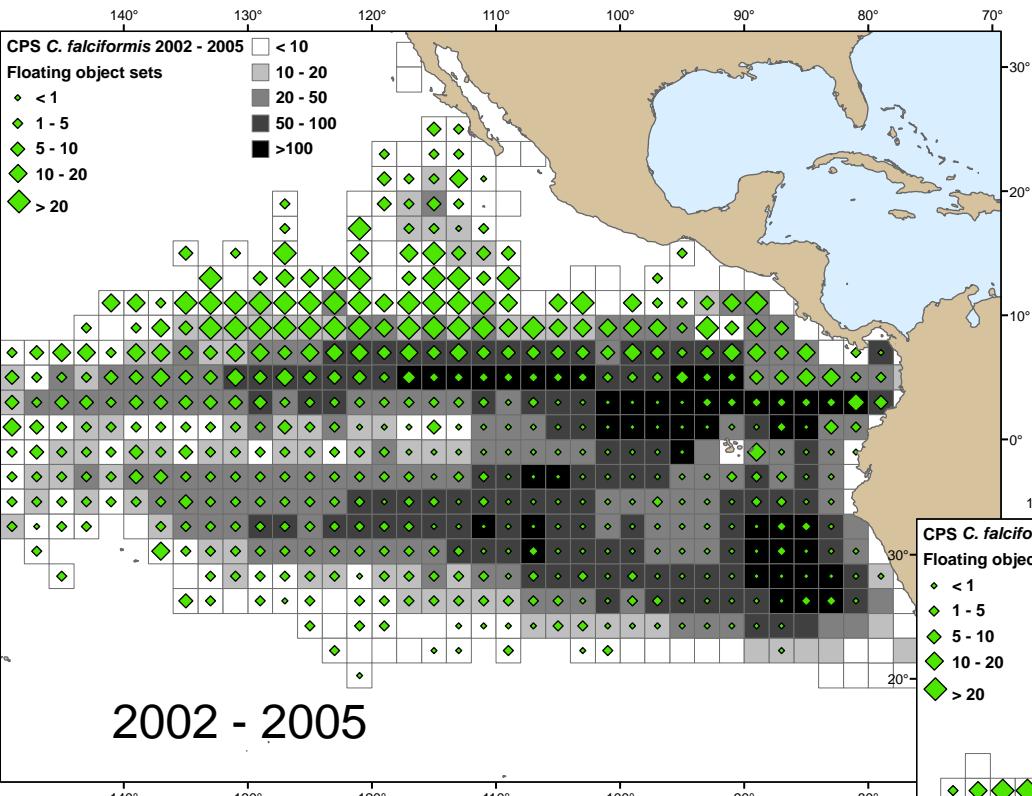
Floating object sets

- ◇ < 1
- ◆ 1 - 5
- ◆ 5 - 10
- ◆ 10 - 20
- ◆ > 20

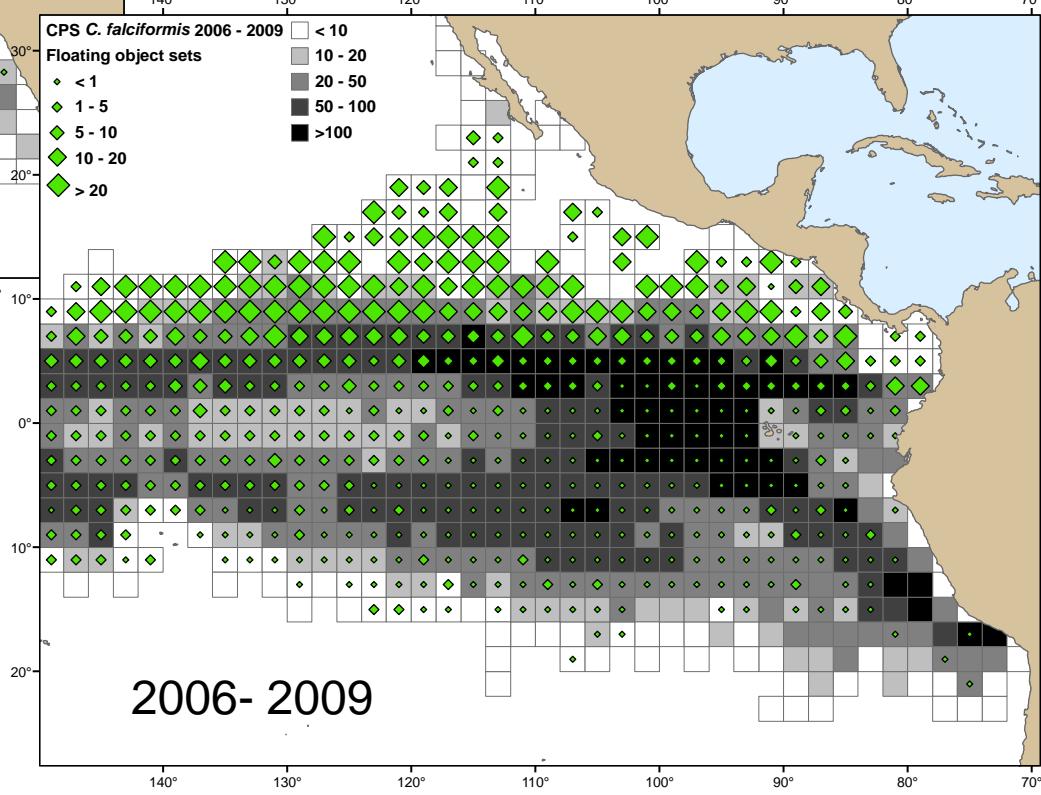


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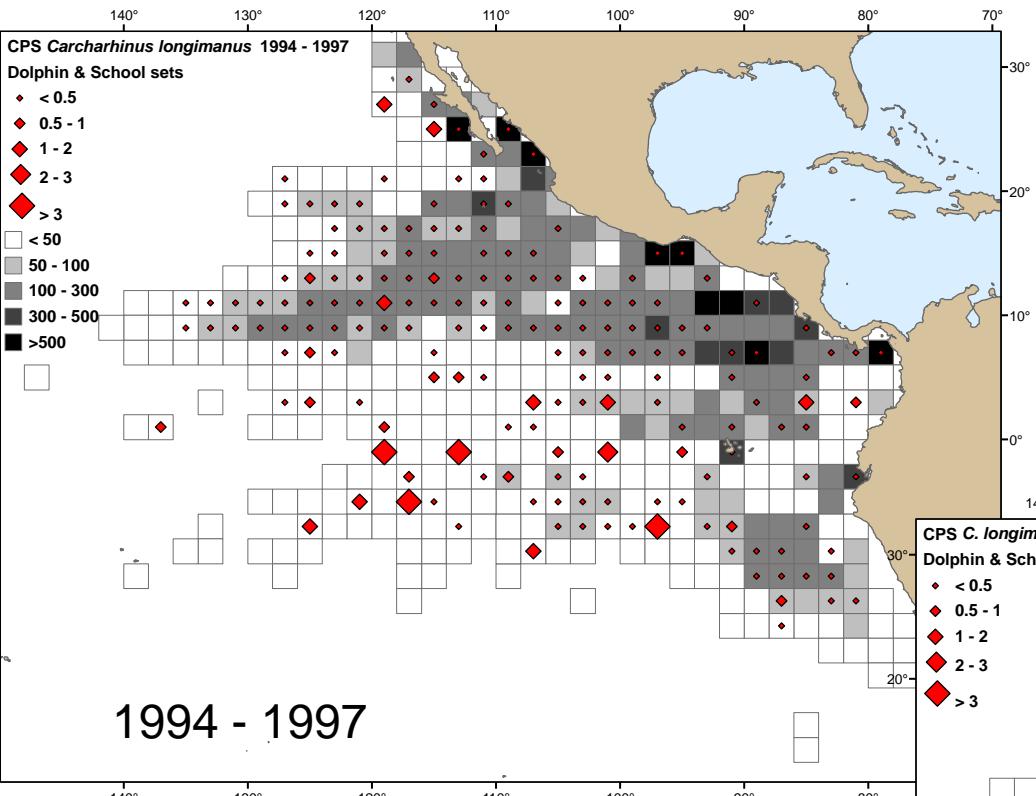
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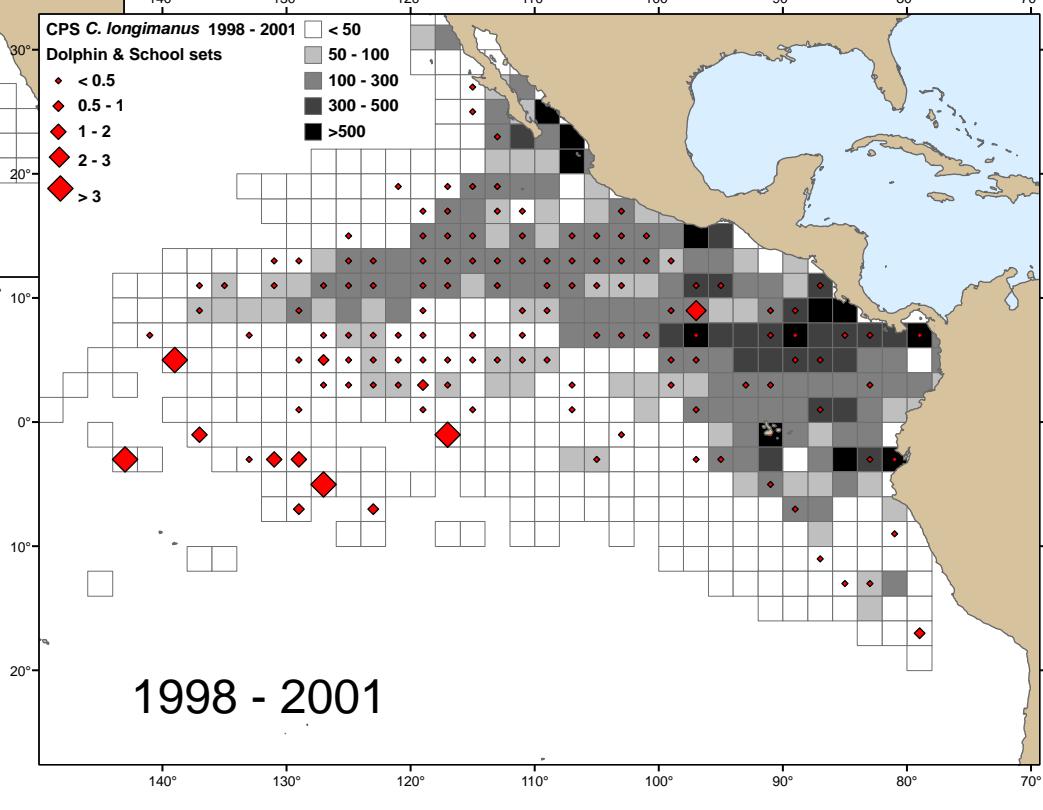
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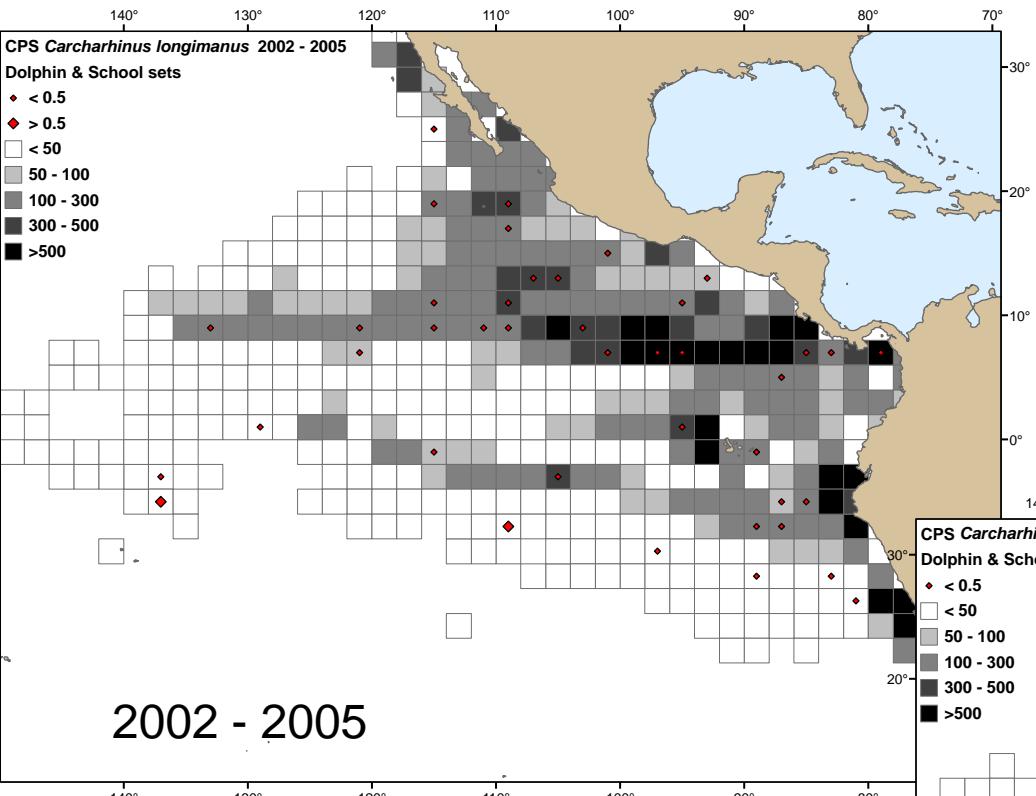
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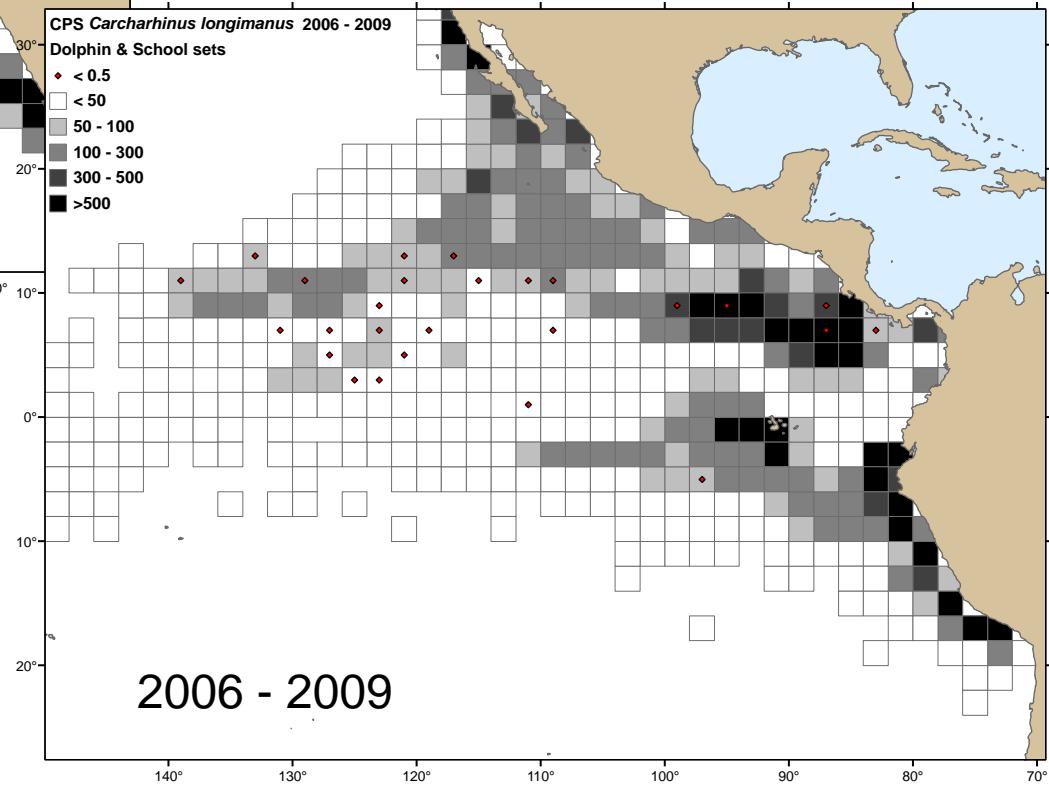
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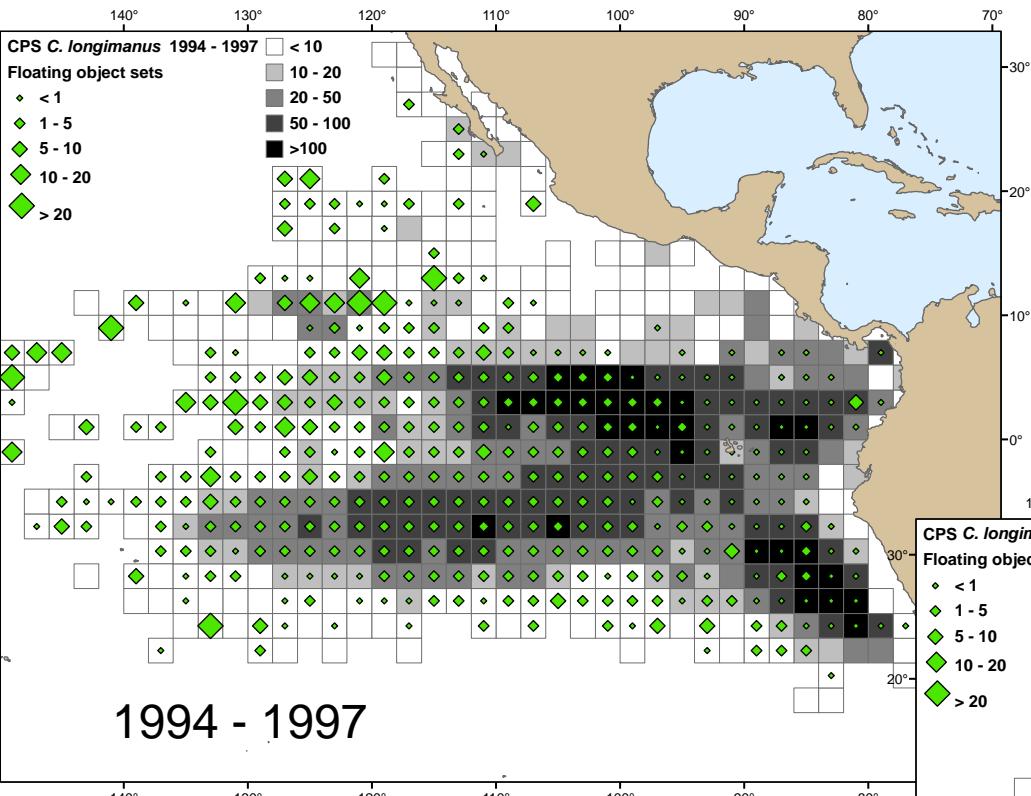
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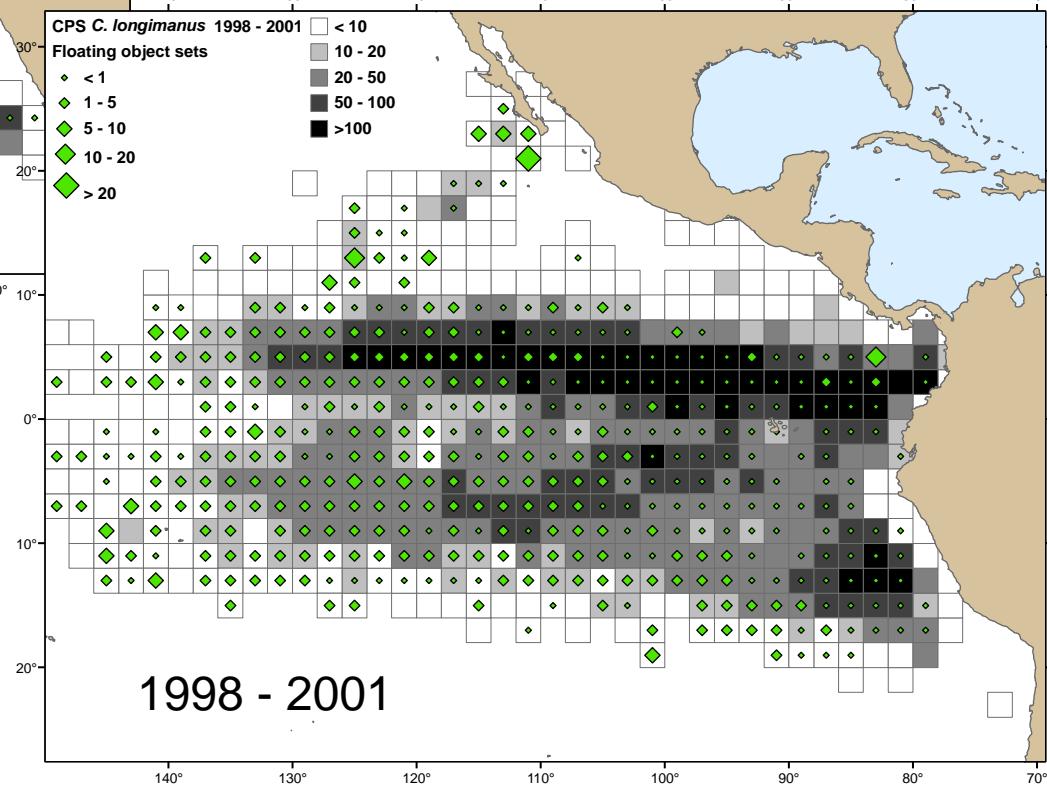
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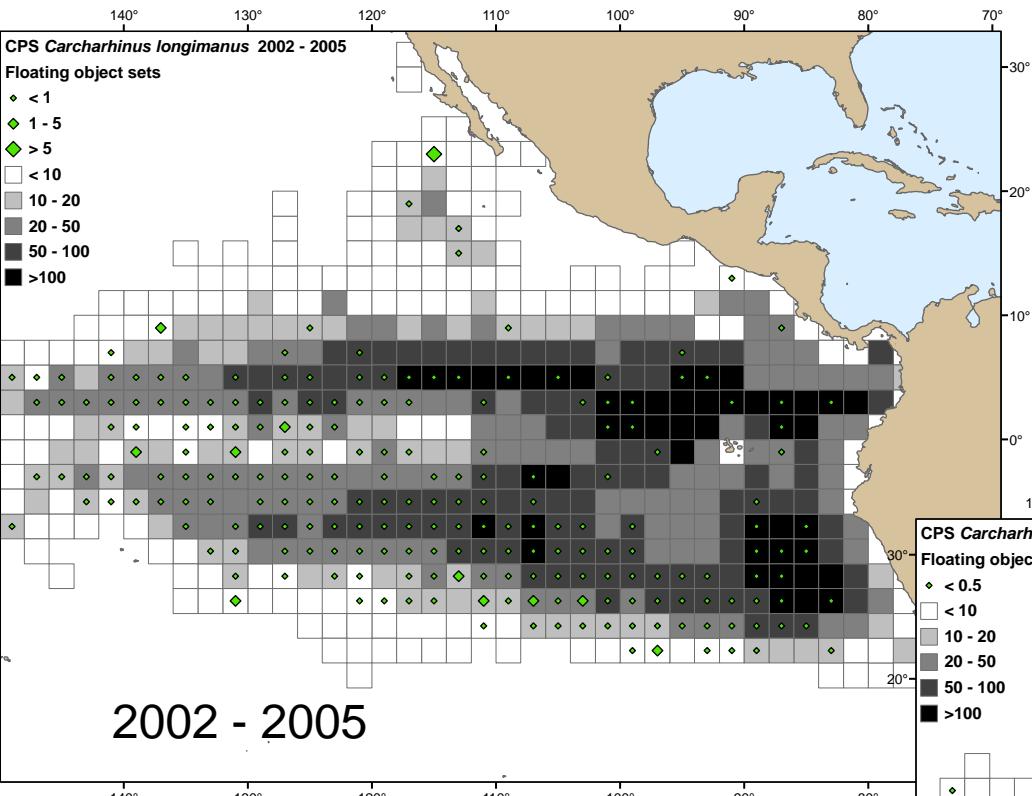


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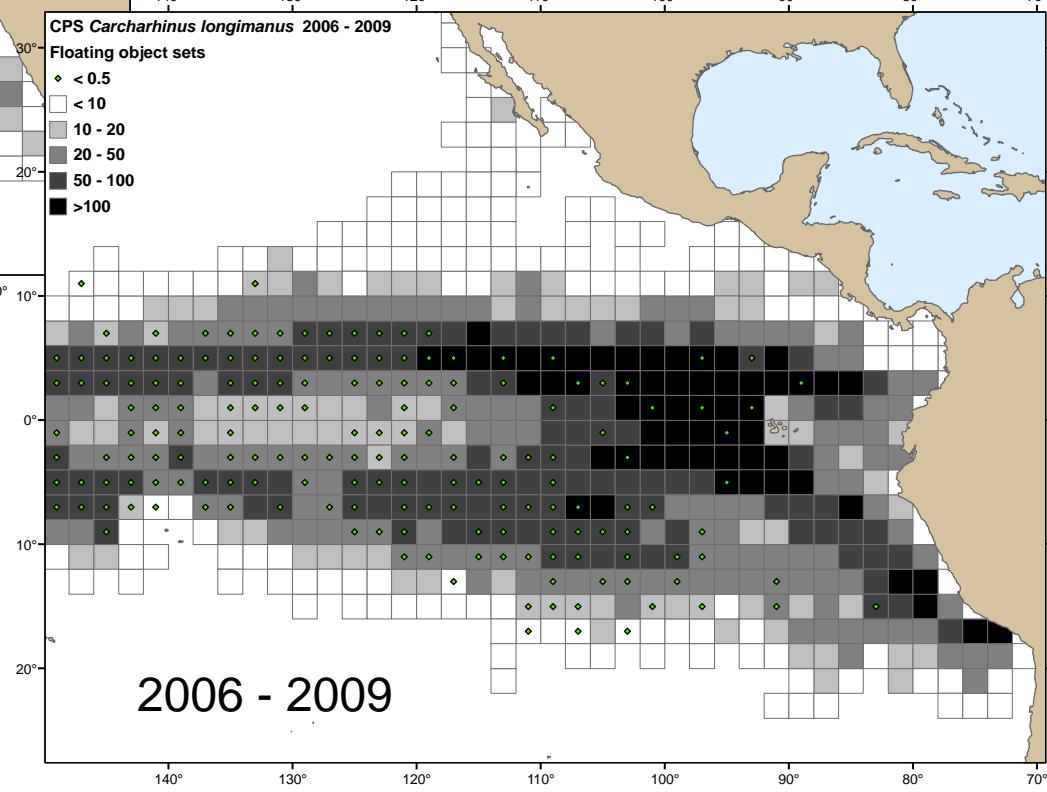


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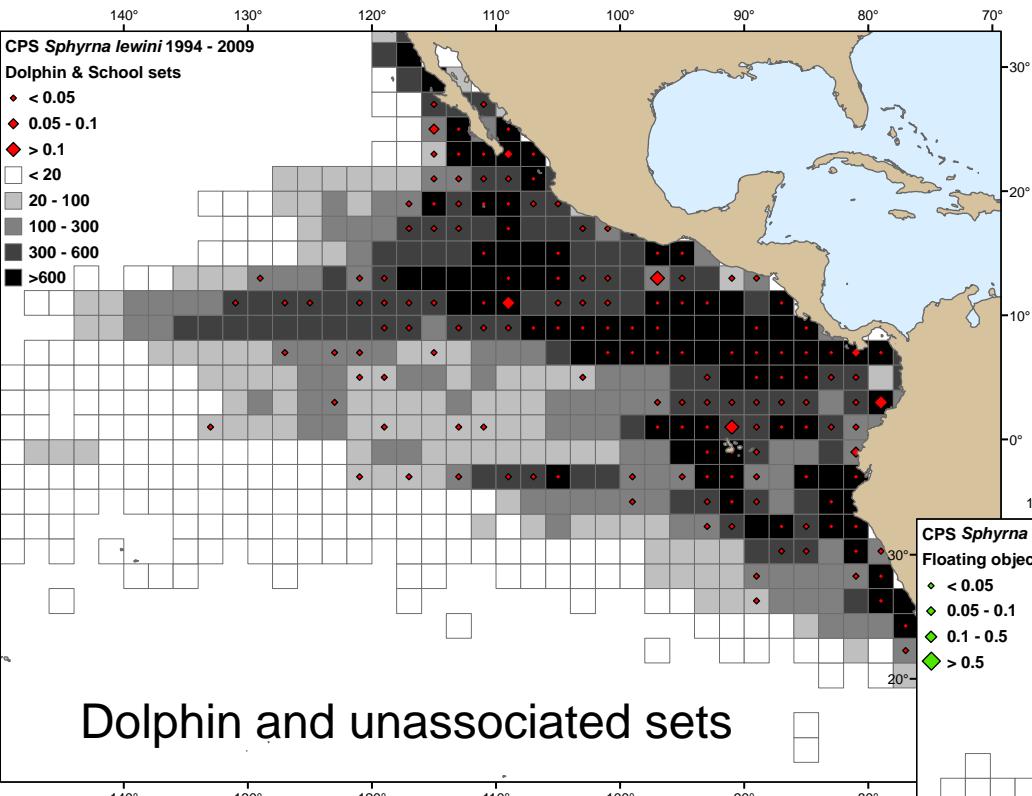


Hammerheads

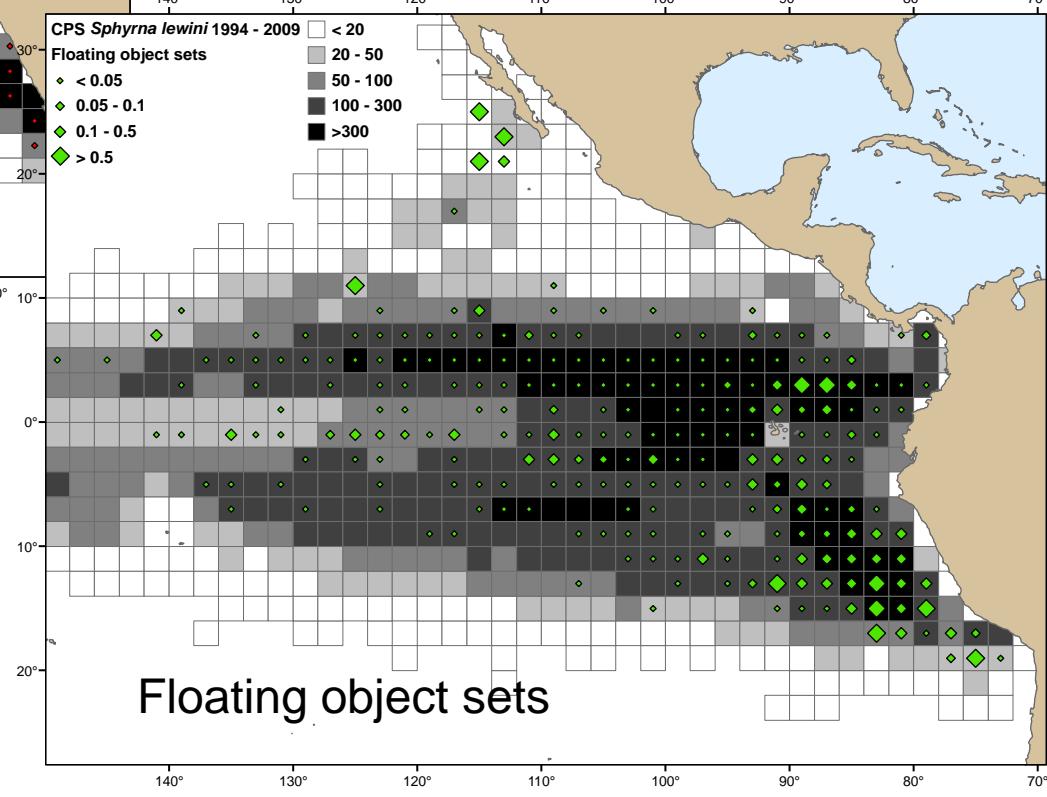
Sphyrna spp – *S. zygaena* – *S. lewini*



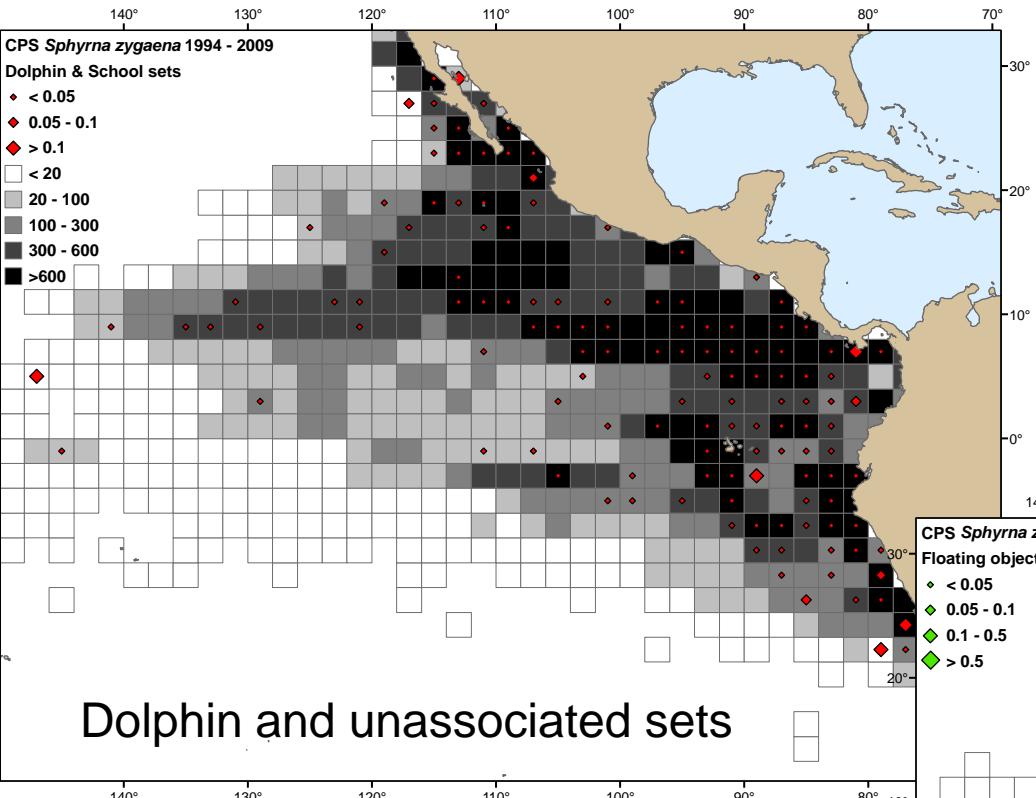
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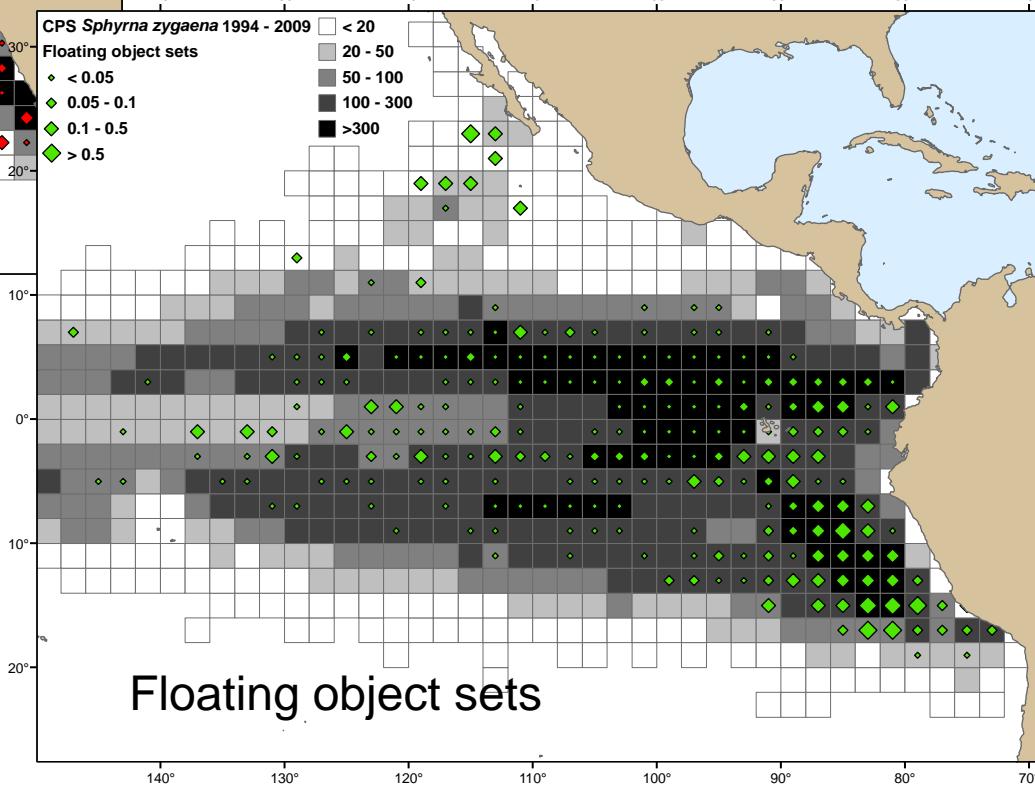
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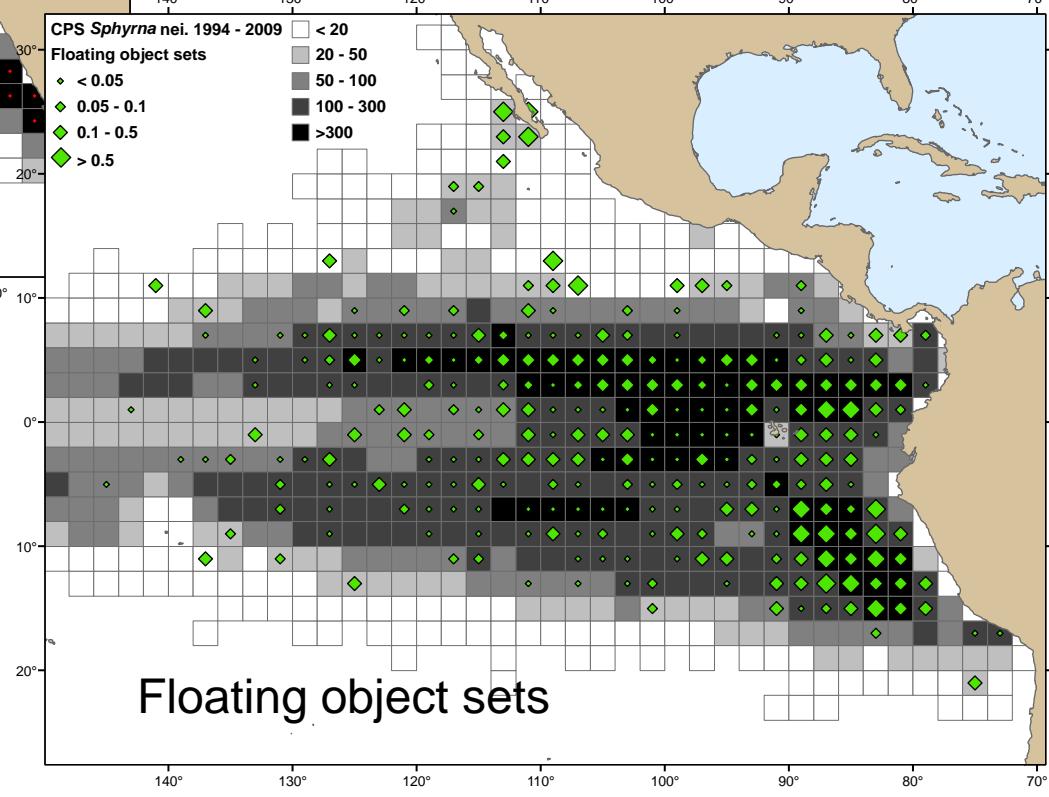
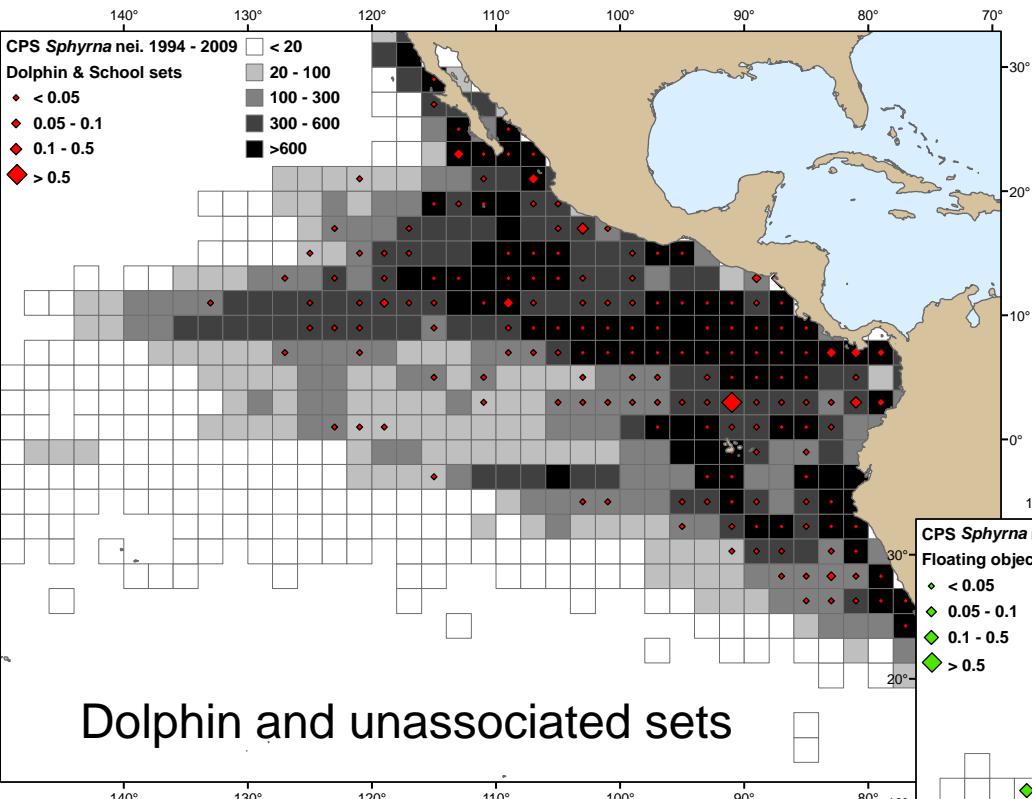
Fishing effort and CPS (num. individuals) – *Sphyra zygaena*



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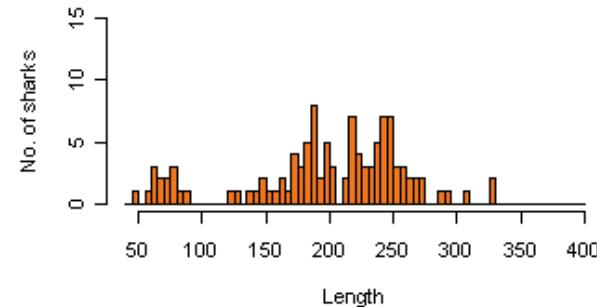


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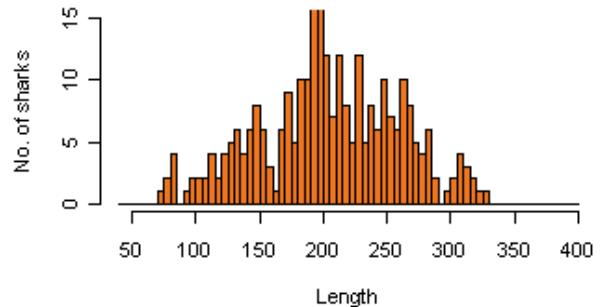


Length frequency distribution (cm) for common (*Sphyrna lewini*), smooth (*S. zygaena*) and unidentified *Sphyrna* caught by set type on sets made from 2005 to 2009.

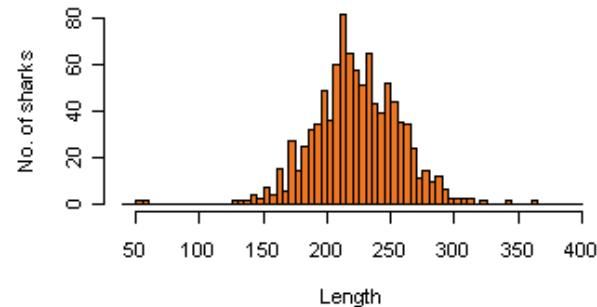
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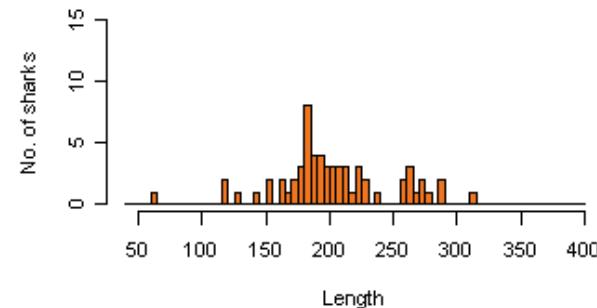
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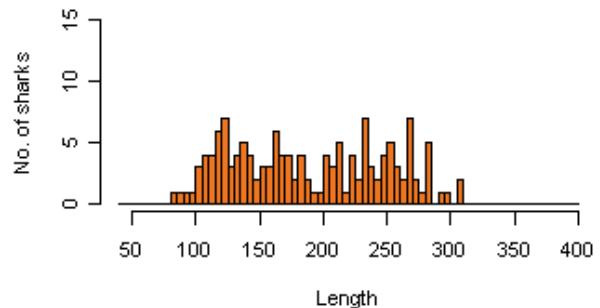
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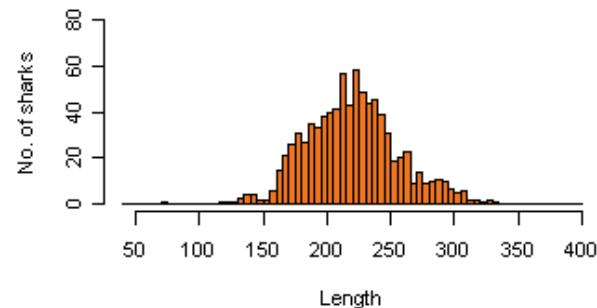
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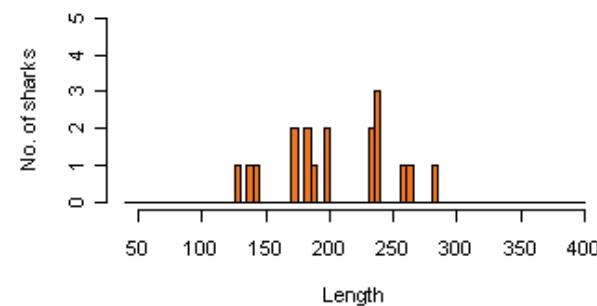
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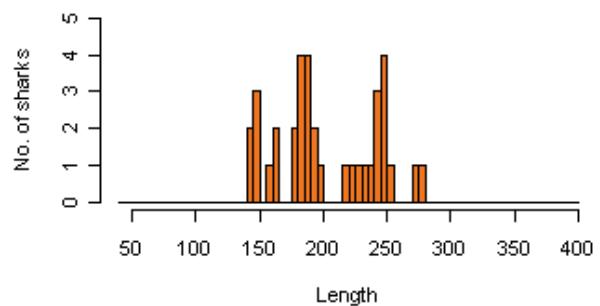
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