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REVIEW OF DOLPHIN MORTALITY LIMITS (DMLs) FOR 2023

This report presents details about the utilization of Dolphin Mortality Limits (DMLs) in 2023.

The overall limit for the fleet, each year, has been 5,000, and the portion available for distribution 4,900; the difference constitutes the Reserve DML Allocation (RDA), utilized at the Director's discretion for extraordinary cases.

The current situation for 2023 (as of 19 September) is as follows:

Type of DML (vessel limit)	Allocated	Utilized prior Apr-1 Oct-1	Renounced	Exempted due to <i>force majeure</i>	Forfeited
Full-year (43)	113	98	2	13 ¹	0
Second-semester	0				
RDA	2 ²	1	0	0	0

Full year DML utilization for 2023 as of 19 September:

APICD Parties	Full Year DML assignment	DML utilization
COL	12	12
ECU	18	17
MEX	46	43
NIC	3	3
PAN	15	15
SLV	1	1
USA	1	0
VEN	17	12
Total	113	103

¹ 8 have not been utilized as of 19 September.

² DML assigned: 20 dolphins; one utilized and one still in port as of 19 September.

The figure presented below illustrates the utilization of DMLs by category of cumulative mortality per vessel, together with statistics such as number of sets on dolphins, total and average mortality per vessel and per set.

MORTALIDAD CAUSADA POR BUQUES CON LMD - 2023
MORTALITY CAUSED BY DML VESSELS - 2023

