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**2020 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER REPORT FOR UNITED STATES
TUNA LONGLINE FISHERY IN THE ANTIGUA CONVENTION AREA**

FLEET INFORMATION (vessels >20m LOA)																			
		Both set types combined						Shallow sets (≤ 15 HPB/HBF ¹ or ≤ 100 m max hook depth)						Deep sets (≥ 15 HPB/HBF or ≥ 100 m max hook depth)					
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	2020	31	DEC	2020	1	JAN	2020	31	DEC	2020	1	JAN	2020	31	DEC	2020
Area fished	Longitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		122	0	W	150	0	W	127	0	W	150	0	W	122	0	W	150	0	W
	Latitude	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.	Deg.	Min.	Hem.
		17	0	N	38	0	N	32	0	N	38	0	N	17	0	N	38	0	N
		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed		Total Fleet		Observed		% observed	
No. of vessels that fished		121		39		32		6		6		100		121		34		28	
No. of trips		426		65		15		23		23		100		403		42		10	
No. of effective days fishing														4074					
No. of sets		4386		721		16		312		312		100		4074		409		10	
No. of hooks (in thousands) (If unknown, approx. no. of hooks/set, using a *)		10426		1700		16		433		433		100		9993		1268		13	
Predominant ² hook type/size (IATTC (IATTC code))		C-22		C-22				C-02		C-02				C-22		C-22			
Predominant bait type ³		F		F				F		F				F		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 hook type/size, submissions in prior year(s) were expressed as hook type and size, not IATTC code. This year the IATTC code is used.

"Observed" figures are sourced from observer data, "total fleet" figures are sourced from logbook data.

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For additional species caught, enter species code and species in rows below										
Billfishes										
BUM	Blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>)	7	3		3	1		4	2	
MLS	Striped marlin (<i>Kajikia audax</i>)	20	37		15	7		5	30	
BXQ	Marlin, nei (<i>Makaira spp.</i>)		1						1	
SFA	Indo-Pacific sailfish (<i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>)	1	1					1	1	
SSP	Shortbill spearfish (<i>Tetrapturus angustirostris</i>)	5	32		2	3		3	29	

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Beaked Whale, Unidentified: Deep-set, released alive - 1

Fulmar, Northern: Shallow-set, released alive - 1

Swordfish: Deep-set, released alive - 16, released dead - 53; Shallow-set, released alive - 89, released dead - 83

Billfish, Unidentified: Deep-set, released alive - 0, released dead - 7; Shallow-set, released alive - 1, released dead - 1

*"Released Alive" figures also include those that were released injured, which is not an IATTC code in this template

**These figures are sourced solely from observer data.