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USA ideas on "ROP minimum standard data fields species of special interest"

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SPECIES OF SPECIAL INTEREST	
Marine Reptiles<u>Turtles</u>, Marine Mammals, Sea-Birds<u>Seabirds</u>, Designated Shark Species	
GENERAL INFORMATION	
Type of interaction	Indicate what type of interaction, i.e. caught on line – tangled in net, swimming around outside of net, etc. Specific to gear type. On longline gear, indicate if hooked or entangled in line. If hooked, record location of hooking (mouth, flipper, swallowed). If purse seine, indicate if entangled in FAD, etc.
Date and time of interaction	Record ship's ship's date and time of interaction
Latitude and longitude of interaction	Record <u>geographic</u> position of the interaction.
Species code of marine reptile, marine mammal, or seabird.	Use FAO codes for Species.
LANDED ON DECK	
Length	Measure length in Centimetres centimetres.
Length measurement code	Measure using the measure method determined for that species.
Gender <u>Sex</u>	Sex the animal if possible. Record if male, female.
Estimated shark fin weight by species	Weigh each species species' shark fins separately if shark has been fined finned by crew, if no scales estimate the weight.
Estimated shark carcass weight by species	Weigh each carcass of a finned shark, if no scales available or body is discarded, or if it is too large to handle; estimate the weight.

Condition when landed on Deck	What is the condition (<u>alive, dead, injured?</u>) when caught use codes.;
Condition when released	What is the condition when discarded use codes.;
Tag recovery information	Record as much as information as possible on any Tags recovered.
Tag release information	Record as much as information as possible on any Tags placed on the <u>speciesanimal</u> before being released.
<u>Hook and Material</u>	<u>Record the type of hook and hook size (gape, if measured, is sufficient) that the animal was caught on; the hook number as counted from the buoy; and the branch line material. Use the SPC "Terminal Gear Identification Guide" to identify the hook types and sizes.</u>
<u>Gear remaining when released</u>	<u>Describe all gear left attached to the animal if released alive (e.g. length of line, material and type of hook, and material and type of branchline).</u>
INTERACTION WITH VESSEL OR GEAR ONLY	
Vessel's activity during interaction	What was the vessel doing when the interaction took place i.e. setting, hauling, etc.
Condition observed at start of interaction	Condition of <u>speciesanimal</u> at the start of the interaction (e.g., <u>alive, dead, injured</u>).
Condition observed at end of interaction	Condition of <u>speciesanimal</u> at the end of the interaction (e.g., <u>alive, dead, injured</u>).
Description of interaction	Indicate interaction, with the vessel gear only - caught on line - tangled in net, etc.
Number of animals sighted	How many animals sighted during interaction.