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| **SPECIES OF SPECIAL INTEREST**  **Marine Turtles, Marine Mammals, Seabirds, certain Shark Species[[1]](#footnote-1)** | | **For information only; not for inclusion in the ROP MSDF** |
| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |  | **Already Collected?** |
| Type of interaction | Indicate what type of interaction, i.e. caught on line - tangled in net, swimming around outside of net, etc using the species interaction codes (G01-G06) and new codes for ‘entangled in purse seine net (G07)’ and ‘entangled in FAD (G08)’. f purse seine, indicate if entangled in FAD, etc. | Yes  No additional work (only new codes) |
| Date and time of interaction | Record ship’s date and time of interaction | Yes (text change only) |
| Latitude and longitude of interaction | Record geographic position of the interaction. | Yes (text change only) |
| Species code of marine turtle, marine mammal, or seabird. | Use FAO codes for Species. | Yes (text change only) |
| **LANDED ON DECK** |  |  |
| Length | Measure length in centimetres. | Yes (text change only) |
| Length measurement code | Measure using the measuring method determined for that species. | Yes (text change only) |
| Sex | Determine the sex and record using codes ‘male’, ‘female’, ‘indeterminate’ or ‘unknown’ | Yes  No additional work (only new codes) |
| Estimated shark fin weight by species | Weigh each species’ shark fins separately if shark has been finned by crew, if no scales estimate the weight. | Yes (text change only) |
| 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. | Yes (no change) |

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|  |  | Already collected? | |
| Condition when landed on Deck | Record the condition of the animals when caught using “Species Caught and Released Condition Codes” (A0-A3, D and U). | Yes (text change only) |
| Condition when released | Record the condition of the animal when discarded using “Species Caught and Release Condition Codes” (A0-A3, D, U). | Yes (text change only) |
| Tag recovery information | Record as much as information as possible on any tags recovered. | Yes (no change) |
| Tag release information | Record as much as information as possible on any tags placed on the animal before being released. | Yes (no change) |
| Hook, Bait and Material | For each SSI caught record the type of hook and hook size using the SPC “Terminal Gear Identification Guide” , the branch line material, and the bait (if known) that the animal was caught on | Yes,but collected at the trip or set level, not at the hook level. (Hook type and size and bait type are collected at the set level. Branchline material is collected at the trip level.)  Information is required at the hook level because often several types (or “mixed”) are recorded at the trip or set level and this severely limits analysis.  To reduce observer workload this extra information could be required for sea turtles only. |
| Gear remaining when released | If the animal is released alive describe whether gear is left attached (yes/no). If yes, describe the length of trailing line, and/or any other material left attached. | Partially. Whether the hook and/or line is removed is now required, but the type and length of gear left attached is not.  To reduce observer workload this extra information could be required for sea turtles only. |
| **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. | Yes |
| Condition observed at start of interaction | Condition of animal at the start of the interaction (use codes A0-A3, D or U). | Yes |
| Condition observed at end of interaction | Condition of animal at the end of the interaction (use codes A0-A3, D or U). | Yes |
| Description of interaction | Indicate interaction, with the vessel gear only - caught on line - tangled in net, etc. | Yes |
| Number of animals sighted | How many animals sighted during interaction. | Yes |

1. SC13 agreed that shark species of special interest include silky shark, oceanic whitetip shark, whale shark and all species of mantas and mobulid (devil rays) (SC13 Summary Report, para. 134). WCPFC14 adopted the SC’s recommendation. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)