

**PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAM  
 LONGLINE  
 ANNUAL STATUS REPORT  
 January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996  
 Pacific Islands Regional Office  
 National Marine Fisheries Service  
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The Hawaii-based pelagic longline fishery targeting tunas has been monitored under a mandatory observer program since February 1994. Beginning March 1994, branch personnel have conducted daily shoreside dock rounds in Honolulu to determine which fishing vessels are in port. These dock rounds are used to obtain an estimate of fishing effort on a real-time basis by assuming that a vessel is fishing when it is absent from the harbor. This report has been revised from the original report in order to separate protected species interactions for each calendar year. The following table summarizes percent observer coverage for vessel departures, vessels arriving with observers, and protected species interactions for vessels arriving with observers during 1996.

<b>Vessel Departures - 1996 (January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996)</b>	
Departures -----	1062
Departures with observers -----	53
Observer coverage 1996 -----	<b>5.0%</b>
<b>Vessels Arriving with Observers - 1996</b>	
Departures with observers in 1996 -----	53
Observers departing in 1995 arriving in 1996 -----	0
Observers departing in 1996 arriving in 1997 -----	1
Total vessels arriving with observers - 1996 -----	52
<b>Protected Species Interactions - 1996</b>	
Vessels arriving with observers - 1996 -----	52
Trips with turtle interactions -----	22
Trips without turtle interactions -----	30
Trips with marine mammal interactions -----	2
Trips without marine mammal interactions -----	50
Trips with seabird interactions -----	16
Trips without seabird interactions -----	36
<b>Total Sea Turtles Interactions -----</b>	<b>46</b>
Released alive -----	
Leatherback -----	1
Released injured -----	
Leatherback -----	5
Loggerhead -----	25
Green -----	3
Olive ridley -----	8
Unidentified hardshell -----	1
Released Dead -----	
Leatherback -----	1
Olive ridley -----	1
Released unknown -----	
Loggerhead -----	1
<b>Total Marine Mammal Interactions -----</b>	<b>2</b>
Released injured -----	
Unidentified Whale -----	1
Released unknown -----	
Unidentified Cetacean -----	1
<b>Total Seabird Interactions -----</b>	<b>89</b>
Released injured -----	
Laysan Albatross -----	6
Black-footed Albatross -----	12
Released dead -----	
Laysan Albatross -----	25
Black-footed Albatross -----	46
<b>Total Sets -----</b>	<b>624</b>
<b>Total Hooks Retrieved -----</b>	<b>731,687</b>
<b>Turtles per 1,000 Hooks -----</b>	<b>0.063</b>
<b>Seabirds per 1,000 Hooks -----</b>	<b>0.122</b>
<b>Marine Mammals per 1,000 Hooks -----</b>	<b>0.003</b>

Note: The percent of observer coverage is based on vessel departures.  
 Protected species interactions are based on vessel arrivals. For the purpose of this report, an animal that becomes hooked or entangled is an interaction.