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**SHORT-TERM CONTRACT FOR THE
DATA RECOVERY PLAN (ICCAT GBYP 03/2017)
OF THE ATLANTIC-WIDE RESEARCH PROGRAMME ON
BLUEFIN TUNA (ICCAT GBYP Phase 7 - 2017)**

**FINAL REPORT
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The data recovery carried out under this contract included a series of recent catch data from longliners based in the SW Sicily¹.

The Longline catch data

The data concerning the longline fishery were recovered from the harbour of Marsala, SW Sicily, where one of the most important BFT LL fleet is based.

The number of longliners sampled was 18 vessels in 2011, 17 in 2012 and 17 in 2016.

In total, it was possible to recover detailed and confidential data from each fishing operation, including in the most cases the geographic position (lat-lon,) specifying

¹ The LL data were provided under a confidentiality agreement concerning the name of the vessels.

the fishing ground, the fishing effort (number of hooks), and the landings (always the BFT, but sometimes also other species). In total this activity provided 680 records.

Furthermore, it was possible to recover 680 fishing operations concerning 16348 BFT and were recovered individual data, but only in 2016, from 3171 fish, usually both FL and RW. In total were recovered 354 fishing operations concerning 10755 BFT in 2011, 103 fishing operations concerning 1678 BFT in 2012 and 223 fishing operations concerning 3915 BFT in 2016.

All the detailed LL and BFT data recovered under this contract are not included into any other LL statistical record or in any other data collection program, while total catches only are possibly included in the official statistics.

According to the contract, all LL data sets were provided to ICCAT GBYP on Excel files by year.