

A large shark, likely a hammerhead shark, is swimming in clear blue water. The shark has a long, pointed snout and a dark body with light-colored stripes along its side. Its mouth is slightly open, and a smaller fish is visible in the background. The water is filled with small bubbles and particles, suggesting a dynamic environment.

Context for Pelagic HMS Fishery Monitoring and Assessment

External Review of Information for Stock Assessment

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2011 Commercial Landings of US and Foreign Fisheries for Pelagic HMS in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Area

International Landings of ~ 3 million metric tons (6.6 billion pounds)

Landings by US of ~ 220,000 metric tons (0.5 billion pounds)

