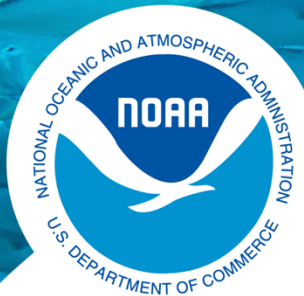


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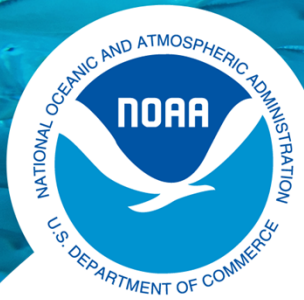
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American Samoa Observer Program

Longline Albacore
fishery, collecting the
following data:

- Fishing effort
- Catch composition
- Protected species interactions





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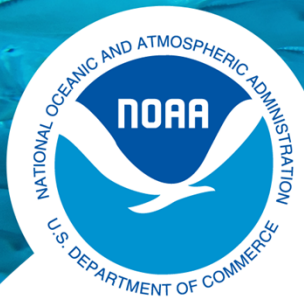
2006 to Present

1157 trips, 188
observed

31 different observers

30 different vessels
have reported
departures

41 day average trip
length, 162 is the
longest

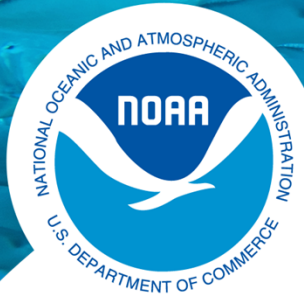


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Observed Turtle Interactions



Calendar Year	Turtle Interactions	Percent Coverage
2014	4	19.4
2013	5	19.4
2012	2	19.8
2011	14	33.3
2010	6	25.0
2009	3	7.7
2008	1	6.4
2007	1	7.1
2006	3	8.1



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Collaborations

Collecting economic data for
the PIFSC

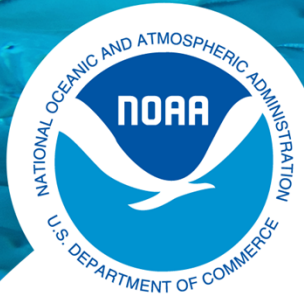
Biologic data for LHP

Gear deployment data via
temp depth recorders

Shark bycatch data

Various species data for SPC

Assist DMWR with stranding
response



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Currently

25% coverage

3 observers employed & deployed

15 vessels are currently active out of
Pago Pago Harbor

One observed sea turtle interaction
for CY 2015