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Dear Dr Stephanie Borrelle

Thank you for your email of 27 July 2021 requesting information relating to the summary data from 2019 Orion Aerial Observations for fisheries compliance. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*'In 2019 Orion overflights were conducted for vessel compliance to fisheries regulations. In a draft annual report on the National Plan of Action - Seabirds, it was reported that 250 surface longline vessels fishing outside the NZ EEZ were seen from aerial observations in 2019. In these observations, "No breaches were identified in relation to seabird mitigation measures during the reporting period". I would like to request the following clarifying information that was not included in summary results relating to these overflights:*

- 1) how many of the vessels were fishing south of 30°,*
- 2) how many were day setting, and of these day setting vessels,
  - a) whether imagery of the stern was collected for day setting vessels (necessary to determine if they were deploying a legally required tori line) and,*
  - b) how many had tori lines that were visible in imagery**

Please find attached, in Appendix One, the data from the draft annual report which we have updated with the requested information. In regard to the second part of your question, there were no vessels observed day setting and therefore no images that meet these requirements.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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Director Compliance

Appendix One

Month	Area of operation	Purpose for flight	Trawl (>28m) FVs observed	Surface Longlining FVs observed	Bottom Longlining FVs observed	All FVs	Surface Long Liners Operating Below 30S	Surface Long Liners observed day setting
Oct-19	Op Kurukuru	FFA/New Caledonia/Papua New Guinea/Solomon Islands/Tuvalu/Fiji	0	116	0	116	0	0
Nov-19	Palau	FFA/Palau	0	14	0	14	0	0
Nov-19	Southern Ocean	CCAMLR	0	0	13	13		
Dec-19	Southern Ocean	CCAMLR	0	0	10	10		
Jan-20	Southern Ocean	CCAMLR	0	0	1	1		
Feb-20	Op Rai Balang	FFA/Solomon Islands	0	0	0	10		
May-20	Tasman sea	WCPFC	0	30	0	30	30	0
Jun-20	High Seas east of EEZ	WCPFC	0	18	0	18	18	0
Jun-20	NZ-Niue-Cook Islands including High Seas	FFA/WCPFC/Cook Islands	0	3	0	4	1	0
Jun-20	Cook Islands EEZ and bordering High Seas	FFA/WCPFC/Cook Islands	0	0	0	0		
Jun-20	Cook Islands EEZ and High Seas towards NZ	FFA/WCPFC/Cook Islands	0	37	0	38	0	0
Jul-20	High Seas West of Kermadec EEZ boundary up to Fijian/Tongan EEZs	WCPFC	0	10	0	10	1	0
Jul-20	High Seas East of Kermadec EEZ	WCPFC	0	22	0	22	1	0
<b>Total:</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>