

ATTENTION

Greetings billfish anglers! Please complete the attached *Billfish Angler Survey* for 2008 and return as soon as possible. The results will be summarized for the next issue of the *Billfish Newsletter* which is currently being compiled.

Remember that one form should be filled out per angler - if another copy is required, the enclosed form may be photocopied. Additional copies can also be printed off our website and mailed to us: <http://swfsc.noaa.gov/frd-billfish.aspx>. If your name or address differs from what is on the mail label, please indicate the change in the space provided. When you are finished filling out the survey form, simply fold it in thirds so that the "NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE - NOAA" address is on the outside, staple or tape it closed, and drop it in the mail - postage is paid in the USA.

Thank you for your support.
Fine fishing for now and forever!

Suzanne Kohin, Fisheries Biologist

PACIFIC-INDIAN OCEAN INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH ANGLING SURVEY FOR BILLFISH CAUGHT IN CALENDAR YEAR 2008

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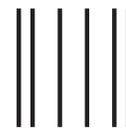
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LOCATION	1. HOW MANY DAYS YOU FISHED FOR BILLFISH DURING 2008	2. TOTAL NUMBER BILLFISH CAUGHT DURING 2008					
		BLUE MARLIN	BLACK MARLIN	STRIPED MARLIN	SAILFISH	SHORTBILLED SPEARFISH	SWORDFISH
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA							
BAJA CALIFORNIA							
GUAYMAS							
MAZATLAN							
PUERTO VALLARTA							
MANZANILLO							
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COLOMBIA							
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TAHITI							
FIJI							
KIRIBATI							
MARSHALL ISLANDS							
MIDWAY ISLAND							
NEW ZEALAND							
NEW GUINEA							
AUSTRALIA							
JAPAN							
MALDIVE ISLANDS							
KENYA							
DUBAI U.A.E.							
OTHER							
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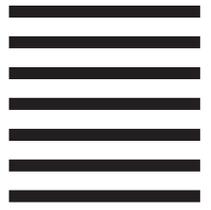


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**PACIFIC-INDIAN OCEAN INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH ANGLING SURVEY
FOR 2008 ONLY**

BILLFISH ANGLERS: This survey to determine the trend in recreational fishing in the Pacific Ocean has been conducted annually since 1969. The survey is in cooperation with the International Game Fish Association. Your response will enable us to determine average catch rates of specific billfish in the areas indicated on the other side of this card. Accurate records are needed to determine the effect heavy fishing on billfish resources is having on the anglers catch. Response is voluntary.

For each angler that fished for billfish in 2008 we request that you individually, and as accurately as possible, indicate the number of days you fished for billfish during the calendar year of 2008 and the number of billfish caught by species. **Fish tagged and/or released are counted as caught.** If you fished but were unsuccessful, it is still important to indicate the number of actual days fished.

The U.S. Government requires that all mailing lists be revised annually. If you did not fish but would like to remain on the mailing list, complete the address portion at the bottom of this card and return. If you do not return the card, your name will be removed from our mailing list. Your cooperation is requested, and by completing the address portion you will be advised on the survey results. **Please return as soon as possible.** Postage is not required if mailed in the USA.

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