



Saving species of special interest from bycatch:

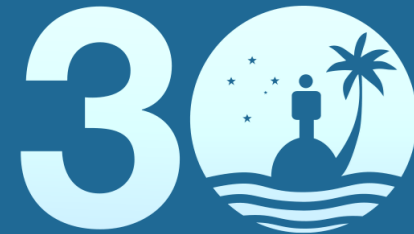
5 years of Port-based outreach



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 Funders & Data

 Results overview

 Seabirds

 Species of Special Interest

 Wider Impacts

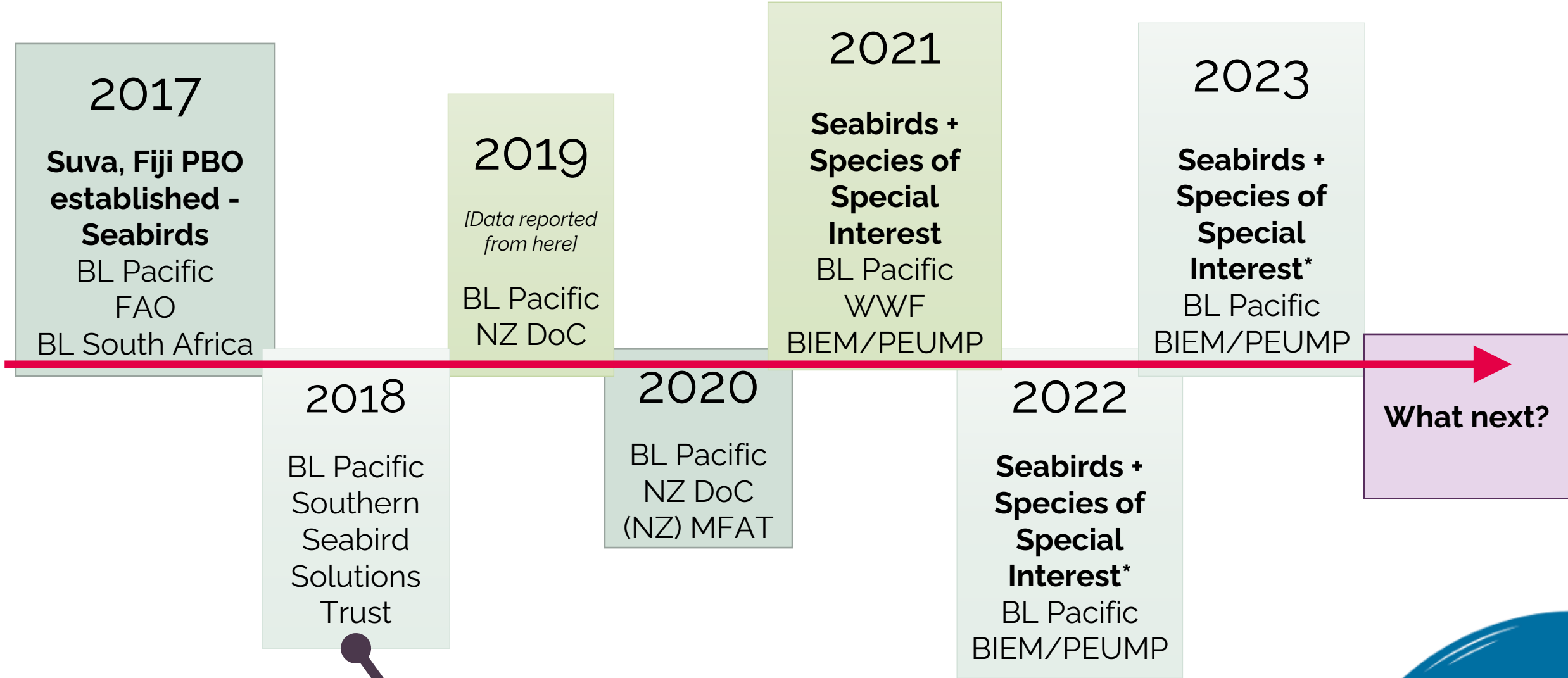
 What's Next?

PBO Objective

PREVENT EXTINCTIONS by raising awareness and **improving the implementation** of bycatch mitigation measures for seabirds & species of special interest on vessels fishing in EEZs and the high seas.



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Women's Group starts making Tori lines

*Turtles, Sharks, Rays, & Cetaceans

Results Summary (data: 2019-2022)

209

Vessels

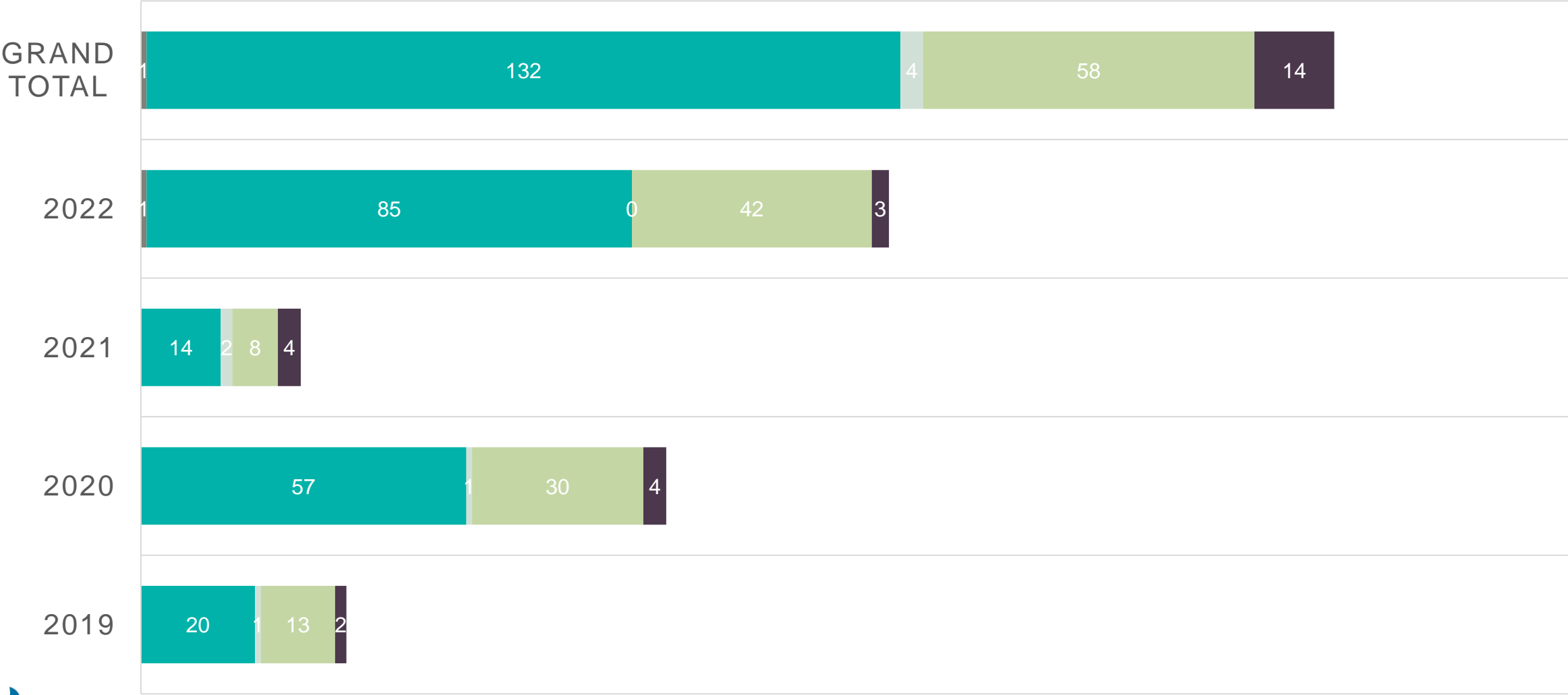
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Visits

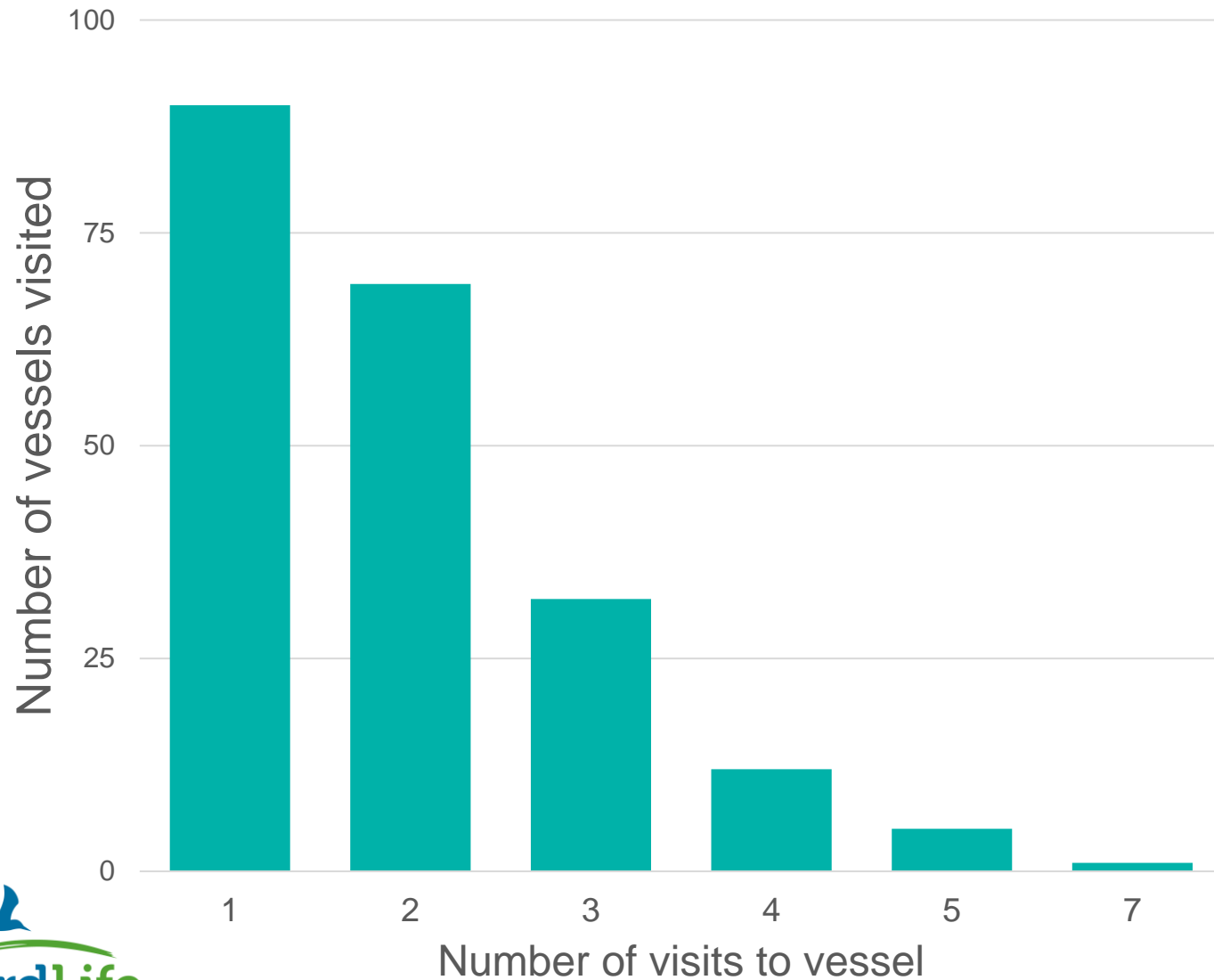
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Tori lines made by
Fijian Women's
group

NUMBER OF VESSELS VISITED, BY YEAR AND FLAG



Summary



- >50% of vessels have been visited by the PBO officer more than once*
- 1/3 visited twice*
- 1/4 visited three or more times*

*2019-2023

Seabirds



55

Tori-lines given to vessels

18%

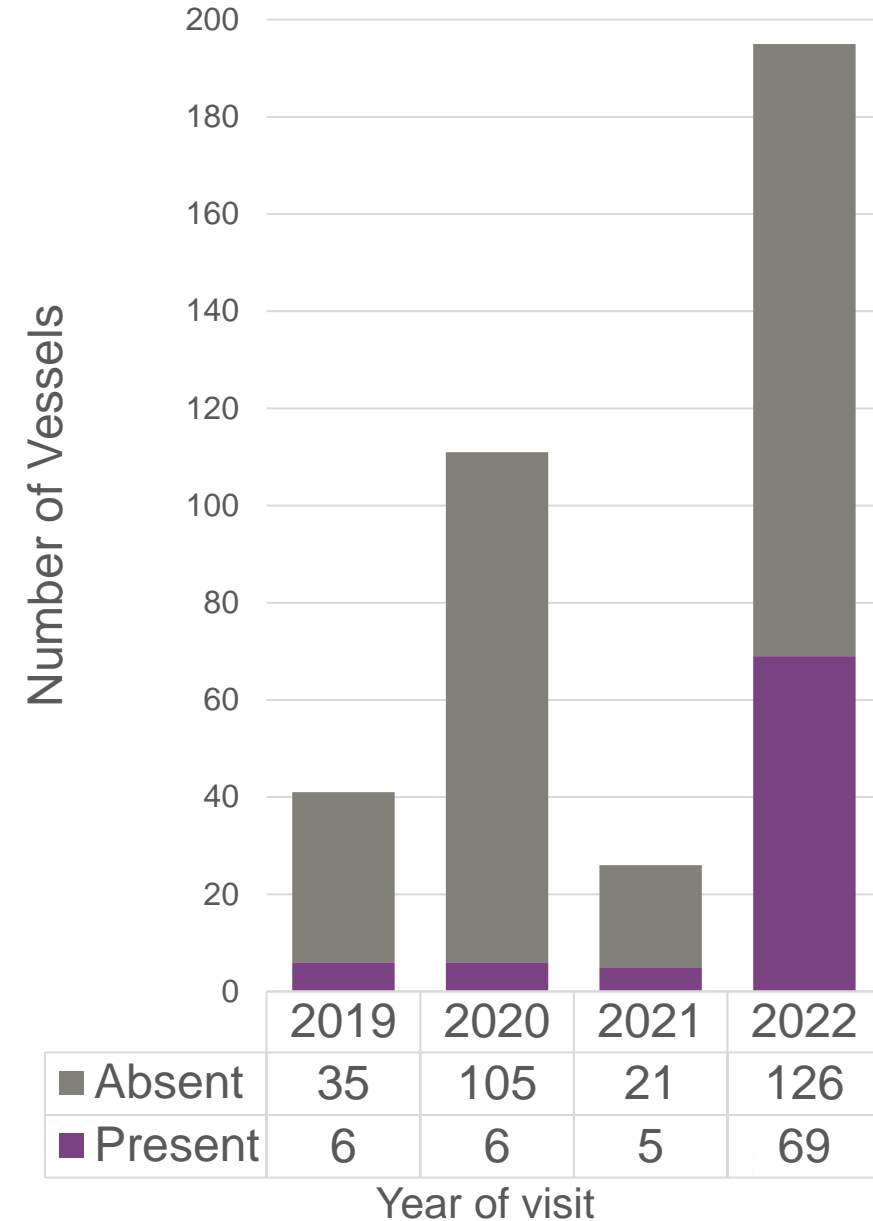
Weighted lines – ACAP specifications

Visit 1:
29% had tori-lines

Visit 2:
14% acquired tori-lines since 1st visit

Visit 3:
5% acquired tori-lines since 2nd visit

The number of visits to vessels and presence or absence of Tori Lines.



Species of Special Interest (2021-2022)

TURTLES



145
vessels

79%
De-hookers
on board

55%
Improvement
on second
visit

SHARKS/
CETACEANS



145
vessels

100%
Capacity to
release caught
animal

↑
Increased
awareness of
best practice
handling

Wider Impacts

- Supporting Port-based outreach in Vanuatu

(Currently vessels going into Suva due to Cyclones Judy and Kevin in March 2023)



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What's next?

Continue PBO in Suva

- Verification of tori-line use
 - Hook-pod trials
- Operational support & trouble-shooting
 - Data collection

2024 | Scoping workshop in Tahiti

Collaboration with French Polynesia's Direction des Ressources Marines (DRM), ACAP, DoC, SOP Manu to develop PBO program in FP.

- Verification
- Observer Training
- Practical Training & trouble-shooting
 - Standardised Pacific-wide data

Priority Ports

Nouméa,
Nouvelle-Calédonie

Papeete,
Tahiti, FP

Kaohsiung, Taiwan
Shizouka, Japan



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