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From full draft CMR (WCPFC-TCC10-2014-dCMR01_rev1) - posted 14 September 2014				Additional Information provided by CCM post-28 August 2014
CMM Paragraph	CMR Section	CCM Implementation	WCPFC Secretariat Evaluation Explanation	
CMM 2011-04 03	(iii) Reporting for seabirds and other non-target species	Refer to Pt 1 Report [Total of twenty two (22) oceanic whitetip shark were caught and all released (Fate codes - DCF; Discarded - cut free or far)]	<p>Total of 12 oceanic white-tip sharks through data collected from observer were recorded and released with A1 (Alive and healthy) condition. All these sharks were catch by locally-based foreign vessels license to fish in Tonga. (AR Pt 1 pg16)</p> <p>Please provide additional information on the total estimated number of releases of oceanic whitetip shark, including the status upon release (dead or alive)</p> <p><b>Need additional information</b>   <i>Interpretation</i></p>	<p>On 21 Sept, CCM advised “To clarify that there was no reported catch of oceanic white tip sharks in 2013. The information on Annual Report Part 1 was an inaccurate report on our part due to misunderstanding of the use of the online TUBS reporting application</p> <p>Tonga prohibits fishing, storing or retaining on board, transhiping or landing in whole or in part, any oceanic white tip shark, as part of its license terms and conditions, for the past few years. Tonga has also in place a NPOA-Sharks”</p>