

S1 Table. Summary of time to first sighting (*TFS*) and time to *MaxN* (t_{MaxN}) datasets by country in descending order of countries with t_{MaxN} data. Percentage of BRUVS where elasmobranchs were recorded is shown.

Country	Total number of BRUVS	Samples with <i>TFS</i> data	Samples with t_{MaxN} data	BRUVS with elasmobranchs
French Polynesia	1201	-	962	80.1%
Australia	676	556	556	82.2%
Indonesia	806	404	404	50.1%
Palau	216	190	190	88.0%
Malaysia	485	185	185	38.1%
Papua New Guinea	301	176	176	58.5%
Federated States of Micronesia	194	172	172	88.7%
USA-Pacific	125	101	101	80.8%
Kiribati	112	84	84	75.0%
Vanuatu	210	79	79	37.6%
Solomon Islands	106	80	80	75.5%
Niue	98	71	71	72.4%
New Caledonia	74	-	62	83.8%
Fiji	148	53	53	35.8%
American Samoa	108	52	52	48.1%
Samoa	97	42	42	43.3%
Taiwan	186	35	35	18.8%
Japan	106	32	32	30.2%
Tonga	24	22	22	91.7%
New Zealand	17	15	15	88.2%
Cook Islands	62	-	11	17.7%
TOTALS	5352	2349	3384	63.2%