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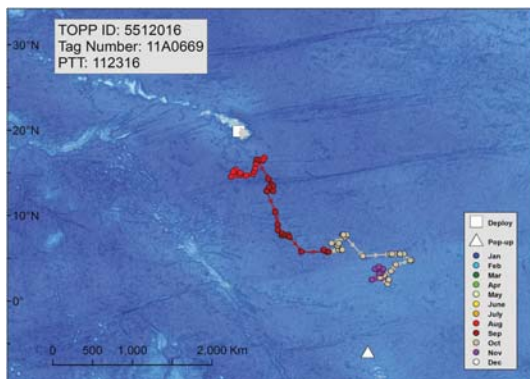
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IGFA GREAT MARLIN RACE UPDATE

The IGMR and our partnership with Stanford University is in its second year with a total of 52 satellite tags deployed on billfish around the world! Even more impressive is that the tagging data has not recorded a single mortality, proving that catch-and-release fishing for billfish can work well when executed properly. Recent tagging events have taken place in Ecuador and Guatemala- where sailfish joined the IGMR for the first time! Additional tagging is planned for Kenya, South Africa, Australia and Hawaii. Many updates have been made to the IGMR website (<http://igmr.igfa.org/>) including the items listed below. Be sure to check the webpage frequently for tag updates, new race locations, and leaderboard standings!

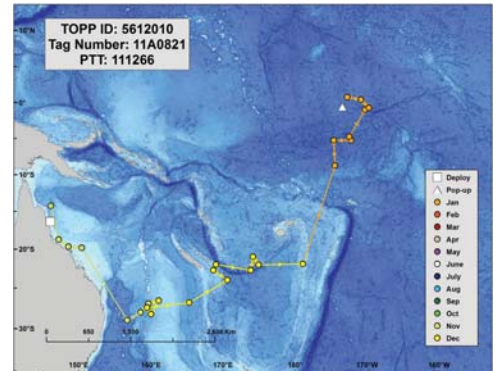
2012 IGMR Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament Winner

The Game Fishing Club of South Australia has officially been declared the winner for the 2012 Hawaii International Billfish Tournament IGMR held in Kona, Hawaii! Ralph Czabayski's company, STAR Electrical Pty Ltd, sponsored the tag he placed on the 82 kg (180 lb) blue marlin caught by Rolf Czabayski aboard *Nasty Habit* on August 13, 2012. Czabayski stated on the data sheet that "the fish was released in excellent condition" and he is "proud to be involved in the satellite tagging program." In just 87 days, the fish swam a total of 1,743 nautical miles, almost reaching the Marquesas Islands! To date, this distance is the third longest track recorded in the IGMR.

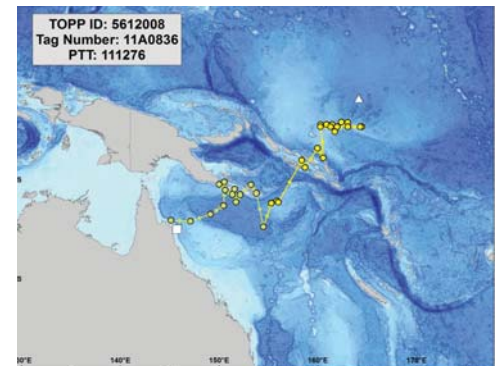


2012 IGMR Lizard Island Lizard Island Tournament Winner

All five tags that were deployed in the 2012 Lizard Island, Australia IGMR have reported and team **Kekoa** has been officially declared the winner! On November 11, 2012, the massive 360 kg (794 lb) black marlin was tagged by Chase Hooper after a 10-minute fight with Scotty Taylor aboard the *Kekoa*. The fish swam a total of 1,875 nautical miles in only 69 days. To date, this distance is the second longest track recorded in the IGMR. Coming in second place in the Lizard Island 2012 IGMR was team **Iceman**. Tagger S. Sruat and angler Luke Cefai's enormous 400 kg (882 lb) black marlin swam 1,360 nautical miles in just 54 days. To date, this distance is the fourth longest track recorded in the IGMR.



Team Kekoa track



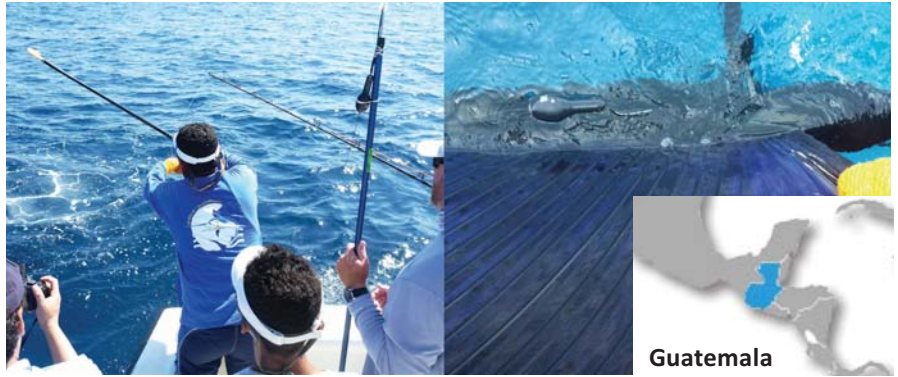
Team Iceman track

IGMR GLOBAL LEADERBOARD: TOP FIVE LONGEST TRACKS TO DATE

PLACE	RACE ORIGIN	ANGLER	TAGGER	SPONSORS	SIZE SPECIES	DISTANCE
1	San Juan, Puerto Rico 2011	Mike Benitez	Eneau Agusta	Trevor Somny Bruce McKee Bill Crawford	260 kg BLUE	4,776 nm
2	Lizard Island, Australia	Scotty Taylor	Chase Hooper	Peter Teakle	360 kg BLACK	1,875 nm
3	Kona, Hawaii	Rolf Czabayski	Ralph Czabayski	STAR Electrical Pty Ltd	82 kg BLUE	1,743 nm
4	Lizard Island, Australia	Luke Cefai	S. Sruat	Peter Teakle	400 kg BLACK	1,360 nm
5	Madeira, Portugal	Wayne Whippen	Wayne Whippen	Michel Marchandise	227 kg BLUE	1,216 nm

Sailfish Have Officially Joined the IGMR!

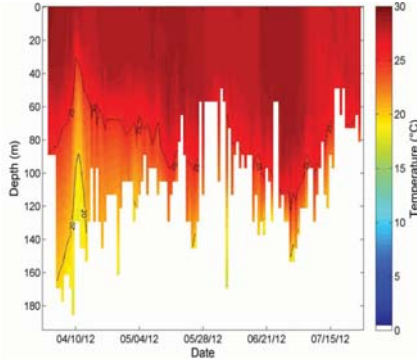
While working with Jorge Sinibaldi and Fernando Merck of the Club Nautico de Guatemala and the Guatemalan Sport Fishing Association, five miniPAT satellite tags were deployed on sailfish off the coast of Guatemala on February 21-22, 2013. As their name implies, the mini-PATs are smaller versions of the Wildlife Computer MK10 tags that have been previously used on marlin in the IGMR. Programmed to pop up after 180 days, these tags will provide extensive data on sailfish movement and vertical habitat use along the west coast of Central America.



Where Can I Find the Tagging Data?

Check out the detailed reports from last year's South Africa and Exmouth, Australia races that show tracks, temperature data, and depth data for each individual track.

Figure A - Depth/Temperature



These figures illustrate the environmental preferences of Bjorn Farley's marlin, the winner of the 2012 Exmouth, Australia IGMR. Figure A describes the depth-temperature data for each day the tag was deployed. Figure B shows the proportion of time the marlin spent at each depth range. Figure C shows the proportion of time the marlin spent in each temperature range.

Figure B - Depth

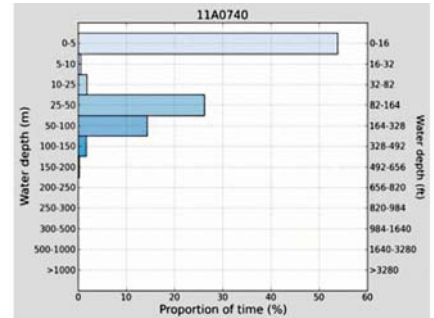
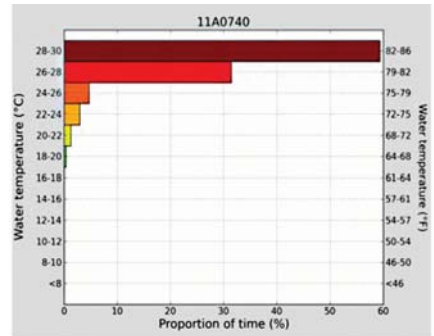


Figure C - Water Temperature



Want to see more statistics on tag data from the IGMR?

Visit the IGMR website to see the information below and an updated global map showing all tracks reported to date. <http://igmr.igfa.org/>



Total Tags:
52

Total Miles:
26,437

	Africa	Australia	Guatemala	Portugal	Puerto Rico	Spain	USA (Hawaii)	OVERALL
Blue Marlin Tags	5	6	0	3	10	1	10	35
Miles Traveled	2,142	1,571	0	1686	8224	550	6811	20,984
Median Distance	301	108	0	365	447	550	659	408
Average Distance	428	262	0	562	822	550	681	600
Black Marlin Tags	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	12
Miles Traveled	756	4,697	0	0	0	0	0	5,453
Median Distance	223	356	0	0	0	0	0	290
Average Distance	252	522	0	0	0	0	0	454
Sailfish Tags	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Total Distance	2,898	6,268	0	1,686	8,224	550	6,811	26,437
Average Distance	362	418	0	562	822	550	681	563