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Sardine Run 2018 Media Update 9th July

The sardine shoals accompanied by all the different predators in pursuit of these fish has been amazing over this past weekend. On Saturday the main concentration of sardines was in the area between Elysium and Mtwalume where about 8 successful nettings took place. Rock and Surf anglers also took full advantage of this action managing to land about 100 sharks from the beach in this area. These sharks were all returned to the water alive. On Sunday this activity continued with pockets spotted between Pennington and Margate. There was 1 successful net taken at Margate and 6 in the Pumula area. Once again there was an incredible amount of shark activity feeding on these pockets.

This morning the activity has mainly been in the Pennington and Kelso/Happy Wanderers area where some netting has taken place. It was reported that there was large pockets of sardines moving north behind the backline in this area. Shark activity is also visible in this area.

Shark safety gear has been removed from all protected beaches from Anstey's on the Bluff to Port Edward on the South Coast. Most of the netting has been replaced along the Durban Beachfront as the sardine movement still seems to be bypassing this area. The only beaches still closed in Durban are Laguna, EThekweni and Country Club. The nets were also removed at Umdloti and Bronze beach at Umhlanga due to pockets of sardines reported in the area. The Sharks Board appeals to members of the public to exercise caution should they enter the water during this time. The Board will continue to monitor the movement of the shoals and will manage the shark safety gear in consultation with the coastal municipalities that are affected.

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