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Sardine Run 2018 Media Update 19th June 2018

Another day of intense sardine action took place today with most of the activity occurring at Scottburgh main bathing beach where netting took place for most of the morning. The pockets of sardines were a little further offshore than yesterday however netters were able to access them and a number of good hauls were taken. Pockets of fish can now be found from Karridene all the way south to Ifafa however water clarity is not great in some of these areas making it quite difficult to spot the shoals. The size and distance offshore of these sardine shoals varies from just behind the shore break to about 400m offshore. The fish are still accompanied by many sharks and fishermen have had a great time angling these from the shore.

We expect netting to continue in the Scottburgh area and possibly in the Amanzimtoti to Umkomaas area tomorrow. This is however an educated guess and the fish could move further northwards, remain where they are or completely disappear.

Shark safety gear has been removed from all protected beaches from Anstey's beach on the Bluff to Port Edward. 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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