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Sardine Run 2018 Media Update 22nd June 2018

Sardine Activity was reported and confirmed from Scottburgh to Ifafa beach this morning.

Once again the main concentration of sardine activity was on the South Coast where numerous pockets were netted, mainly between Sezela and Mdesinga Bay just south of the Sezela Sugar Mill. So far about 8 nets have been successful at producing fish at these Beaches. With all the activity there is a good possibility that netting could continue in this area this afternoon.

It was reported that there was larger pockets just behind the backline and lots of smaller pieces further offshore. We have heard that these pockets are moving north and south probably all depending on which direction the sharks and gamefish are herding the sardines.

There were reports of lots of sharks, Bottlenose Dolphin and a large shoal of yellowfin tuna was seen feeding on these pockets.

Shark safety gear has been removed from all protected beaches from the Durban beachfront to Port Edward. Netting along the Durban beachfront was removed this morning in anticipation of the sardines moving into this area over the next few days. 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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