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## Sardine Run 2018 Media Update 10<sup>th</sup> July

This is the first morning for at least 3 weeks where there has been very little activity to report. There have been a few pockets between Illovo and Umgababa but nothing compared to what we have been experiencing over the last few weeks. I am sure the Commercial Netters won't be complaining as they have really had a good run up to now but I'm sure there are some individuals that need a break.

Shark safety gear has been removed from the majority of the beaches from Anstey's on the Bluff to Port Edward on the South Coast. The only beaches open on the South Coast are Ramsgate main beach and Saint Michaels. 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, EThekwini 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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