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Available VME indicator taxa accidental captures data from the Observer and CatchEffort databases and their usability for setting VME encounter thresholds

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Abstract	
<p>During WS2022-VME1 (see paper SC-08-25), the Workshop recommended that a data analysis be presented to the Scientific Committee, including how many times the thresholds would have been triggered in the past, how much data have become available since 2020, and present the data as tentative cumulative curves etc. Further, the Workshop recommended that the analysis include, where possible, the number of encounters that had occurred each year; how many will occur in the future assuming different threshold levels (e.g., half or double the current thresholds); how these compared with equivalent SPRFMO encounter rates; what is the pattern of VME indicator taxa in fishing events around the encounter area; and develop spatial maps of encounters.</p> <p>This paper responds to the requests of WS2022-VME1.</p>	

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