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From scientific observer data submitted to us on bycatches by CCSBT Members since 2010, it appears that none of the species you mentioned appear very often in catches by vessels fishing for southern bluefin tuna (SBT). In fact, since 2010, the only species in this list that have been reported to us were *Alopias superciliosus* (18 individuals), *Alopias vulpinus* (100), *Alopias pelagicus* (1), *Carcharhinus falciformis* (5) and *Mobula japonica* (1) and it may be that SBT was also caught as a bycatch (instead of a target) on these occasions. It is possible that some relevant shark catches could have been reported in a non-specific manner, but in either event, we do not have any useful data to provide.

Kind regards,
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