

Update at 1 April 2024: Progress on the rollout

This report provides a further update on the key facts provided in *B24-0023 Overview of the rollout of on-board cameras on commercial fishing vessels*, based on data received up to 1 April 2024.

Coverage to date

1. As of 1 April 2024, Spark cameras have been deployed on a total of 123 vessels:
 - a) 101 inshore trawl and set net vessels which fish off either the West Coast of the North Island or the North, East and South Coasts of the South Island; and
 - b) 22 surface longline vessels that operate throughout New Zealand's fisheries waters.
2. A further four vessels are still operating the proof-of-concept camera system giving a total of 127 vessels with camera systems currently installed. These vessels are responsible for one third of the catches (by volume) for the overall fleet expected to operate cameras.
3. Fisheries New Zealand has received footage for nearly 12,500 fishing events (for example, trawl tow or setnet haul). Footage for around 30% (3,685) of fishing events have been reviewed to date and 62 (1.7 percent) reviewed events (from a small number of vessels) have been referred to Fisheries Compliance for their assessment.

Early insights from cameras

4. We have compared the reporting of vessels currently operating cameras for the period from 2018 until cameras were introduced. A summary of these early insights is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Changes in fisher reporting for vessels operating cameras (compared with the period from 2018 until cameras were operating)

Information	Change
Albatross interactions	3.5 times increase
Dolphin captures	6.8 times increase
Number of fish species reported in catch	34% increase
Number of fish species reported in discards	2.1 times increase
Volume of fish discards	46% increase