
**The Occurrence and Taxonomic Relationships of the
Atlantic Blue Marlin (*Makaira Ampla*)
in the Pacific Ocean**

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ABSTRACT

Evidence is presented showing that the blue marlin of the Atlantic also occurs in the Pacific Ocean and may be pantropical in distribution. Such evidence includes direct comparisons of specimens from the western Atlantic and eastern Pacific and a study of the literature. Species separation of the blue marlin from the other Pacific species is also effected through direct comparison of specimens as well as a study of the literature. Relationships are established by means of a natural key.

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