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| **SPECIES** | **REFERENCE** | **INTERACTION** | **TYPE OF PLASTIC** | **ORIGIN OF PLASTIC** | **RATE OF INCIDENCE** | **N** |
| **Order Testudines** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Cheloniidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Chelonia mydas* | 1 | IN | USE (she, thr, oth) | NR | MEDIUM | 177 |
|  | 2 | IN | USE (she, fra, thr, oth, foa) | URB, FISH | MEDIUM | 49 |
|  | 3 | IN | USE (she, fra, thr, foa, oth) | NR | MEDIUM | 20 |
|  | 4 | IN | USE (she, foa, fra, thr, oth) | URB, FISH | HIGH | 80 |
|  | 5 | IN | USE (she, thr, fra, oth) | NR | MEDIUM | 28 |
|  | 6 | IN | USE (she, foa, fra, thr, oth) | NR | MEDIUM | 15 |
|  | 7 | IN | USE (fra) | URB | NC | 1 |
|  | 8 | IN | NR | NR | LOW | 777 |
|  | 9 | IN | USE (she, thr, fra, oth) | URB, FISH | HIGH | 265 |
|  | 10 | IN | USE (fra, she, thr) | URB, FISH | HIGH | 62 |
|  | 11 | IN | USE (she, thr, foa, fra, oth), IND | URB, FISH | VERY HIGH | 34 |
|  | 12 | IN | USE (she, thr, fra, foa, oth), IND | URB, FISH | VERY HIGH | 48 |
|  | 13 | IN | USE (she, thr, fra, foa) | URB | HIGH | 56 |
|  | 14 | IN | USE (she, thr, fra, foa, oth) | URB | VERY HIGH | 62 |
|  | 15 | IN | USE (fra, she, foa, thr), IND | URB | HIGH | 96 |
|  | 16 | IN | USE (she, foa) | URB | HIGH/VERY HIGH | 184 |
|  | 17 | IN | NR | NR | HIGH | 120 |
|  | 18 | IN | NR | URB, FISH | HIGH | 64 |
|  | 19 | IN | USE (she, thr, fra, oth) | URB, FISH | VERY HIGH | 17 |
| *Caretta caretta* | 6 | IN | USE (she, foa, fra, thr, oth) | NR | NC | 2 |
|  | 20 | IN | USE (fra) | NR | NC | 5 |
|  | 13 | IN | USE (she) | URB | NC | 10 |
|  | 12 | IN | USE (fra, thr, she) | URB, FISH | LOW | 24 |
|  | 16 | IN | USE (she, foa) | URB | VERY LOW/MEDIUM | 57 |
| *Eretmochelys imbricata* | 12 | IN | USE (she) | URB | NC | 2 |
| *Lepidochelys olivacea* | 12 | IN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Dermochelyidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Dermochelys coriacea* | 5 | IN | USE (she) | NR | NC | 1 |
|  | 1 | IN | USE (thr, she) | NR | NC | 9 |
|  | 12 | IN | USE (she) | URB | NC | 4 |
|  | 13 | IN | USE (fra) | URB | NC | 2 |
|  | 16 | IN | USE (she, foa) | URB | LOW | 22 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Infraorder Cetacea, Parvorder Odontoceti** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Pontoporiidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Pontoporia blainvillei* | 21, 2 | IN | USE (thr, she, fra) | URB, FISH | VERY LOW | 89 |
|  | 22 | IN | USE (she, fra, thr) | URB, FISH, UN | LOW | 49 |
|  | 16 | IN | USE (thr, she) | URB, FISH | VERY LOW | 80 |
|  | 16 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW | 335 |
| **Family Delphinidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Sotalia guianensis* | 21, 2 | IN | USE (thr) | URB, FISH | VERY LOW | 77 |
| *Tursiops truncatus* | 23 | IN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW | 21 |
| *Globicephala melas* | 16 | IN | USE (she) | URB | NC | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Ziphiidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Mesoplodon densirostris* | 24 | IN | USE (thr) | NR | NC | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Kogiidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Kogia breviceps* | 25 | IN | USE (she) | URB | NC | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Infraorder Cetacea, Parvorder Mysticeti** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Balaenopteridae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Balaenoptera physalus* | 16 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Order Carnivora, Superfamilia Pinnipedia** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Otariidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Arctocephalus tropicalis* | 26 | IN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC | 14 |
| *Arctocephalus australis* | 27 | IN | NR | NR | NC | 91 |
|  | 28 | IN | USE (she, thr) | URB, FISH | VERY LOW | 133 |
|  | 29 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC | 26 |
|  | 16 | IN | USE (she) | URB | VERY LOW | 1517 |
|  | 16 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW | 1517 |
| *Otaria flavescens* | 29 | EN | USE (thr) | URB, FISH | NC | 22 |
|  | 29 | IN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC | 1 |
|  | 26 | IN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC | 11 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Phocidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Mirounga leonina* | 16 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW | 65 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Order Sphenisciformes** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Spheniscidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Spheniscus magellanicus* | 30 | IN | USE (fra) | URB, FISH | VERY LOW | 175 |
|  | 31 | IN | USE (she, thr) | FISH, UN | LOW | 40 |
|  | 32 | IN | USE (she, foa, fra, thr) | URB, FISH | HIGH | 144 |
|  | 33 | IN | USE (she, thr) | URB, FISH | LOW | 41 |
|  | 16 | IN | USE (fra) | URB | VERY LOW | 2945 |
|  | 16 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW | 2945 |
|  | 34 | IN | USE (thr, she, foa) | URB, FISH | VERY HIGH | 46 |
|  | 35 | IN | USE (fra, oth), IND | NR | VERY HIGH | 20 |
|  | 58 | IN | NR | NR | VERY LOW | 47 |
| **Order Procellariiformes** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Procellariidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Macronectes giganteus* | 36 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 14 |
|  | 11 | IN | USE (fra, foa), IND | URB | NC | 2 |
|  | 32, 37 | IN | USE (thr, foa, fra, she) | URB, FISH | NC | 10 |
|  | 38 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 16 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW | 62 |
|  | 59 | IN | USE (thr, oth, fra), IND | NR | NC | 14 |
| *Macronectes halli* | 39 | IN | USE (fra, thr) | URB | NC | 2 |
| *Procellaria aequinoctialis* | 36 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 4 |
|  | 11 | IN | USE (fra, foa), IND | URB | NC | 1 |
|  | 40 | IN | USE (fra, foa, thr) | URB, FISH | HIGH | 32 |
|  | 41 | IN | USE (fra), IND | URB, FISH | MEDIUM | 114 |
|  | 42 | IN | USE (fra, thr), IND | FISH | VERY LOW | 41 |
|  | 32 | IN | USE (thr, foa, fra, she) | URB, FISH | LOW | 36 |
|  | 38 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 59 | IN | USE (thr, oth, fra), IND | NR | NC | 4 |
| *Procellaria conspicillata* | 42 | IN | USE (fra, thr), IND | FISH | LOW | 9 |
| *Daption capense* | 36 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 4 |
|  | 32 | IN | USE (thr, foa, fra, she) | URB, FISH | NC | 10 |
|  | 59 | IN | USE (thr, oth, fra), IND | NR | NC | 4 |
| *Fulmarus glacialoides* | 36 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 3 |
|  | 42 | IN | USE (fra, thr), IND | FISH | NC | 9 |
|  | 32 | IN | USE (thr, foa, fra, she) | URB, FISH | MEDIUM | 49 |
|  | 59 | IN | USE (thr, oth, fra), IND | NR | NC | 3 |
| *Pachyptila belcheri* | 36 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 3 |
|  | 59 | IN | USE (thr, oth, fra), IND | NR | NC | 3 |
| *Pterodroma incerta* | 40 | IN | USE (fra, foa, thr), IND | URB, FISH | LOW | 61 |
|  | 43 | IN | NR | NR | LOW | 61 |
| *Pterodroma mollis* | 32 | IN | USE (thr, foa, fra, she) | URB, FISH | NC | 1 |
| *Pterodroma macroptera* | 60 | IN | USE (fra) | NR | NC | 1 |
| *Puffinus puffinus* | 36 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 7 |
|  | 11 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 5 |
|  | 42 | IN | USE (fra, thr), IND | FISH | HIGH | 25 |
|  | 44, 32 | IN | USE (foa, fra, thr, she), IND | URB, FISH | MEDIUM/LOW | 25 |
|  | 59 | IN | USE (thr, oth, fra), IND | NR | NC | 7 |
| *Ardenna gravis* | 36 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | HIGH | 29 |
|  | 11 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 4 |
|  | 40 | IN | USE (fra, foa, thr) | URB, FISH | VERY HIGH | 21 |
|  | 42 | IN | USE (fra, thr), IND | FISH | VERY HIGH | 18 |
|  | 44, 32 | IN | USE (she, fra, thr, foa, oth), IND | URB, FISH | VERY HIGH/HIGH | 121 |
|  | 59 | IN | USE (thr, oth, fra), IND | NR | HIGH | 29 |
| *Ardenna grisea* | 36 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 11 |
|  | 11 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 1 |
|  | 44, 32 | IN | USE (she, fra, thr, foa, oth), IND | URB, FISH | MEDIUM/LOW | 17 |
|  | 38 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 59 | IN | USE (thr, oth, fra), IND | NR | NC | 11 |
| *Calonectris borealis* | 40 | IN | USE (fra, foa, thr) | URB, FISH | LOW | 34 |
|  | 32 | IN | USE (thr, foa, fra, she) | URB, FISH | VERY HIGH | 112 |
|  | 45 | IN | USE (fra, foa, oth), IND | URB | HIGH | 185 |
|  | 42 | IN | USE (fra, thr), IND | FISH | NC | 5 |
| *Calonectris edwardsii* | 32 | IN | USE (thr, foa, fra, she) | URB, FISH | NC | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Diomedeidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Thalassarche melanophris* | 36 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | HIGH | 26 |
|  | 46 | IN | USE (fra, thr, oth), IND | NR | LOW | 35 |
|  | 11 | IN | USE (foa, fra), IND | URB | NC | 2 |
|  | 42 | IN | USE (fra) | URB | VERY LOW | 59 |
|  | 32 | IN | USE (thr, foa, fra, she), | URB, FISH | LOW | 35 |
|  | 47 | IN | IND | URB | VERY LOW | 32 |
|  | 48 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 38 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 16 | IN | USE (foa) | URB | VERY LOW | 39 |
|  | 59 | IN | USE (thr, oth, fra), IND | NR | HIGH | 26 |
| *Thalassarche chlororhynchos* | 36 | IN | USE (foa, fra). IND | URB | NC | 9 |
|  | 42 | IN | USE (fra, thr). IND | FISH | MEDIUM | 27 |
|  | 32 | IN | USE (thr, foa, fra, she) | URB, FISH | NC | 7 |
|  | 38 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 59 | IN | USE (thr, oth, fra), IND | NR | NC | 9 |
| *Diomedea dabbenena* | 47 | IN | USE (thr, fra) | FISH | NC | 6 |
| *Diomedea sanfordi* | 47 | IN | USE (fra) | FISH | LOW | 36 |
|  | 61 | IN | USE (fra), IND | NR | NC | 1 |
| *Diomedea epomophora* | 32 | IN | USE (thr, foa, fra, she) | URB | NC | 2 |
|  | 47 | IN | USE (fra) | URB | VERY LOW | 23 |
|  | 16 | IN | USE (fra) | URB | NC | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Order Charadriiformes** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Laridae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Chroicocephalus maculipennis* | 38 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
| *Larus dominicanus* | 49 | IN | USE (she) | URB | VERY LOW | 806\* |
|  | 50 | IN | USE (thr, she, fra, oth) | URB | LOW | 801\* |
|  | 51 | IN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC | 4 |
|  | 51 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 48 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 52 | IN | USE (thr, she) | FISH | LOW | 1253\* |
|  | 38 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 16 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW | 508 |
|  | 53 | IN | NR | NR | VERY LOW | 212\* |
| *Larus atlanticus* | 54 | IN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW | 56 |
|  | 54 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW |  |
|  | 48 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 38 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 55 | IN | USE (thr, she) | URB, FISH | VERY LOW | 853\* |
| *Sterna hirundinacea* | 48 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 38 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
| *Sterna hirundo* | 56 | IN | USE (fra, thr) | NR | VERY LOW | 714\* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Chionididae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Chionis albus* | 48 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 38 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Haematopodidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Haematopus palliatus* | 57 | IN | USE (fra, she), IND | URB, FISH | VERY HIGH | 24 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Rynchopidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Rhynchops niger* | 62 | IN | NR | NR | VERY LOW | 451\* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Order Podicipediformes** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Podicipedidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Podicephorus major* | 48 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | NC |  |
|  | 16 | IN | USE (she) | URB | VERY LOW | 52 |
|  | 16 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW | 52 |
| **Order Pelecaniformes** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Phalacrocoracidae** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Nannopterum brasilianus* | 16 | EN | USE (thr) | FISH | VERY LOW | 40 |
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