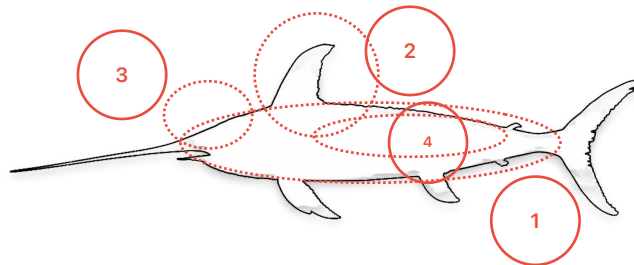




Identification card Key criteria to differentiate

Blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) – BUM
and
Striped marlin (*Kajikia audax*) – MLS



BUM



MLS



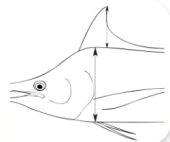
More massive, very robust



Elongated body

BUM

First dorsal height = $1/2$ to $3/4$ of body depth



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FIRST DORSAL HEIGHT
 \geq
BODY DEPTH



MLS

BUM



Rounder forehead

3



MLS

Sloping and streamline forehead

BUM



Stripes faint and
not always visible once dead

4



MLS

Prominent vertical blue stripes
Visible after death