

Fins Naturally Attached and ETP Bycatch Mitigation Policy

Version 3

As a responsible member of the fishing community we recognise most shark and turtle species are highly susceptible to overfishing, and many are considered threatened or endangered. Furthermore, we understand the wasteful practice of shark finning (the removal and retention of shark fins and discarding at sea of the carcass) contravenes many international rules and regulations, including those of all major tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs)

To better protect sharks and turtles, our company and/or vessel(s):

1. Does not actively target sharks
2. Does not set shark lines on buoys
3. Use only circle hooks and monofilament line, and use as wide a hook as possible that maintains acceptable catch rates of market species to reduce hard shelled sea turtle catch rates where necessary
4. Promotes best practices for bycatch handling and release of sharks, turtles, cetaceans, and birds
5. Prohibits the use of wire traces (shark lines)
6. Prohibits the practice of shark finning
7. Promotes the release of all sharks that are caught alive
8. Does not retain oceanic whitetip or silky sharks
9. For other sharks that are landed, the carcass is retained with fins naturally attached as per MSC and ISSF definitions
10. Records the shark species in the fishing logbook for all sharks that are landed
11. Does not engage in trading with the fishing companies which do not observe the above clauses

Company Name (s)	
Fishing Vessel Name	
Fishing Vessel Flag	
RFMO of Fishing area	
Name of Vessel owner and / or Captain	
Signature of Vessel Owner and / or Captain	
Date	