

MARPESCA GROUP FISHING VESSELS



PUBLIC POLICY ON SHARK FINNING

In the MARPESCA GROUP fishing fleet we are aware that unintentional bycatch represents a significant danger to non-target marine life. We recognize that most shark species are highly susceptible to overfishing and many are considered threatened or endangered. We understand that the wasteful practice of shark finning contravenes many international rules and regulations; including those of the major regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs).

Shark finning is the practice of retaining shark fins and disposing of the rest of the carcass while at sea. It is a lucrative operation due to the high price charged by consumers around the world (Carr, et al., 2013). The practice goes against the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and its International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks, as well as the resolutions of several other international marine bodies, all of which call for minimizing waste and the discard. The MARPESCA GROUP recognizes the Guide to Sustainable Longline Fishing Practices of the ISSF skippers and recognizes the best practices to mitigate bycatch, management and release of sharks. All handling and release will be carried out under the supervision of trained crew members who have undergone extensive training.

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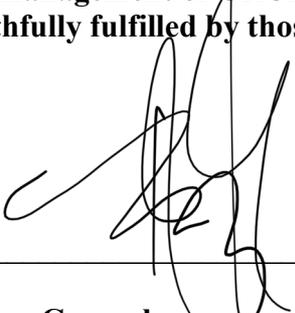
The MARPESCA GROUP declares in this public policy, to prohibit shark finning on board all vessels and demonstrate that this does not currently occur.

The MARPESCA GROUP fleet adopts the "fins naturally attached" rule for sharks and any sharks retained will be landed whole and reported. Shark species whose retention is prohibited by national legislation or RFMO regulations will be released alive to the best of the crew's ability. Our company adheres to the following best practices, at a minimum:

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1. Does not actively target sharks;
2. Do not cast shark lines on buoys;
3. Prohibit the use of wire traces;
4. Prohibit the practice of shark finning and our policy is posted on the boat for the crew to be aware of;
5. Do not retain oceanic whitetip sharks or silky sharks;
6. For other sharks that are landed, the carcass is retained with the fins attached naturally or partially cut off and tied to the shark;
7. Record the species in the fishing log of all sharks that are landed;
8. Promote best practices for shark bycatch and release management and the fishery makes every effort to release these individuals alive.

This Public Policy on shark finning is part of the commitments adopted by the senior management of GRUPO MARPESCA, therefore, they are faithfully fulfilled by those who make up the same.



General manager

The MARPESCA GROUP Socializes politics with the crew members of our vessels through posters in communal areas and training with the aim of making known the commitments made by the group.

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