



Eastern Pacific Ocean tuna - purse seine (Marpesca) FIP

Shark Finning and ETP Bycatch Mitigation Policy

As a responsible member of the fishing community we recognise marine Endangered Threatened and Protected (ETP) species are highly susceptible to overfishing. 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 ETP species, our company and/or vessel(s):

1. Does not actively target sharks
2. Only uses Purse Seine gear types and therefore does not use and prohibits the use of wire traces (shark lines)
3. Prohibits the practice of shark finning
4. Does not retain oceanic whitetip, *Carcharhinus longimanus*, (Resolution C-11-10) or silky sharks, *C. falciformis*, (Resolution C-19-05)
5. Does not set on whale sharks, *Rhincodon typus*, (Resolution C-19-06) and cetaceans
6. For other sharks that are landed, the carcass is retained with fins attached
7. Requires release and best practices for bycatch handling and release of elasmobranch, turtles, cetaceans and birds as per IATTC Resolutions.
8. Records the ETP species in the fishing logbook for all that are encountered
9. Communicate with other fishers when encountering bycatch “hotspots”
10. 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	