



WCPO tuna - purse seine (Kiribati Fish Limited)

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 and has a zero retention policy on all sharks including oceanic whitetip (CMM 2011-04) or silky sharks (CMM 2013-08)
2. Only uses Purse Seine gear types and therefore does not and prohibits the use of wire traces (shark lines)
3. Prohibits the practice of shark finning
4. Does not set on whale sharks (CMM 2012-04) and cetaceans (CMM 2011-03)
5. For other sharks that are landed, the carcass is retained with fins attached
6. Requires release and best practices for bycatch handling and release of elasmobranch, turtles, cetaceans and birds
7. Records the ETP species in the fishing logbook for all that are landed
8. Communicate with other fishers when encountering bycatch “hotspots”
9. 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	