The summary of Dos and Don'ts reference list for tuna vessel skippers and crew

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On 10th April 2024, Ming-Jhang and Ho-Tu conducted interviews with the captains of Yu Feng 518, [Name], This document presents a summary of the discussions. To confirm their full understanding of the questions and the accuracy of their responses in relation to the condition of their vessels, the captain agreed to answer the questions we asked.

elogsheet/Logbook

| Record what bait type is used | Japanese sardines, sauries |
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| Record any harvest discard during operation, including release individuals | Yes, mostly sharks, blue sharks and black sharks |
| Record number of hooks in set | 3,000 |

Sharks

| Record ALL shark catches. If there are zero catches, record zeros to make it clear that there is nothing to report | Yes |
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| Follow the fins naturally attached policy | Yes |
| Be able to distinguish Endangered, Threatened and Protected (ETP) and harvestable shark species | Yes |
| Apply appropriate measures to release ETP sharks. Remove all gear (including hooks) from sharks if possible, If hooks cannot be safely removed, leave them in place and remove as much line as possible (keep line > 1 m) | Yes |
| Release all ETP sharks | Yes |

ETP Species Bycatch

| Handle any ETP bycatch carefully, follow without risking crew safety. | yes |
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| Report all ETP (turtle, seabird, cetacean) bycatch, by species and record fate (released alive, dead or injured) | Not really. For instance, the captain did not record the catch of the turtle. The captains did not record the fate of ETP species. |
| Understand international/national measures/regulations to mitigate/resolve ETP bycatch issues | yes |

Turtle Bycatch

| Record all turtle bycatch and fate | No |
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| Use net to lift turtles aboard | Yes |
| Keep turtles on deck, in a cool place with a wet towel to protect them, until they recover their strength and can be returned to the water | No. It's not practical. |
| Use dehooker or line cutter to free turtles in water whenever possible | Yes |

Seabird Bycatch

| Record all seabird bycatch and fate | No, but they barely encountered seabirds at fishing. |
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| Record which 2 out of the specified 3 measures for seabird bycatch mitigation are being used for EACH SET, if fishing below 25S | no |
| If using a tori line, deploy before hooks are set, and retrieve only after ending hook setting | no |

| If using night setting, set ALL hooks at night - from nautical dusk to nautical dawn | No |
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| Use weights close to the hook (refer to CMM for detailed specifications) | no |

Marpol Annex 5m and Ghost Gear mitigation measures

| Record any lost gear (total hooks and mainline lengths) | No |
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| Record any fishing gear that is found during operations | No |
| Retain all plastic waste onboard or incinerate it if safe to do so | No. |



