



Shark and Sea Turtle Conservation Policy

September 2025

As a responsible member of the fishing community, we are aware that unintended bycatch poses 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. Furthermore, we understand the wasteful practice of shark finning (the removal and retention of shark fins and discarding of the carcass at sea) contravenes many international rules and regulations; including those of all major regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs).

Sea turtles are also especially vulnerable to fishing related activities due to their habitats and shared food sources with target tuna species. Additionally, sea turtles are a long-lived marine animal and require lengthy timeframes to meet reproductive maturation. Several species of sea turtles, including green sea turtles and leatherbacks, are already considered vulnerable or endangered by the scientific community.

In order to protect these vulnerable animals, our company is committed to implementing measures to reduce the negative impacts of fishing on their populations. Our company recognises the ISSF Skippers' Guidebook to Sustainable Longline Fishing Practices and acknowledges the best practices for mitigating bycatch, handling, and release of sharks and sea turtles¹. All handling and release will be carried out under the supervision of trained crewmen who have undergone extensive training.

In order to better protect sharks and sea turtles, our company adheres to the following best practices at a minimum:

1. Does not actively target sharks
2. Does not set shark lines on buoys
3. Prohibits the use of wire traces
4. Prohibits the practice of shark finning and our policy is posted on the vessel for crew awareness
5. Do not retain oceanic whitetip or silky sharks
6. For other sharks that are landed, the carcass is retained with **fins naturally attached** or partially cut and tied to the shark
7. Record the species in the fishing logbook for all sharks and sea turtles that are landed
8. Use only circle hooks, 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
9. Use only monofilament lines
10. Promotes the transition of fish rather than squid for bait
11. When feasible, set hooks deeper than typical sea turtle-abundant depths (40-100m)
12. Do not engage in trading with fishing companies that do not observe the above practices
13. Promotes best practices for bycatch handling and release of sharks, turtles, cetaceans and birds and the fishery does everything possible to release these individuals alive

Please see the attached appendix for the vessels covered by this policy.

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Owner: ASTANA CONGLOMERATE SDN. BHD.

Signature of Owner: 

Date: 2025/10/23



¹ The guidebook is available for download at the following location <http://www.issfguidebooks.org/downloadable-guides>



Appendix

Vessel Name	Size	Gear	Flag	Owner Name	IMO
Jaya 11	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	8661991
Jaya 12	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	8662000
Jaya 15	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	8662024
Jaya 16	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	8662098
Jaya 17	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	8662050
Jaya 18	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	8662062
Jaya 19	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	8662103
Jaya 21	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	8977601
Jaya 22	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	8977613
Jaya 23	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	8525226
Jaya 24	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	1740865
Jaya 25	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	1740877
Jaya 26	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	1740889
Jaya 27	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	1740891
Jaya 28	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	1740906
Jaya 29	Large	Longline	Malaysia	Star Trading Corporation Limited	1740918