

## Shark and Sea Turtle Conservation Policy 2025

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As a responsible member of the fishing community, we are aware that unintended bycatch poses a significant danger to non-target marine life. We recognise 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 organisations (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 turtles<sup>1</sup>. All handling and release will be carried out under the supervision of trained crewmen who have undergone extensive training.

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 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.

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

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

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Owner: HSU TSUNG WEN

Signature of Owner: *Hsu Tsung wen*

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## 鯊魚與海龜保育政策

身為負責任的漁業從業者，我們知道混獲對非目標海洋生物造成重大的危險。我們認知到大多數鯊魚物種非常容易受到過度捕撈的影響，而且許多都被認為是受威脅或瀕臨絕種。此外，我們了解割鯊魚鰭（割下和保留鯊魚鰭並丟棄鯊魚身）的浪費行為違反諸多國際法規，包括所有主要區域漁業管理組織（RFMO）的法規。

由於海龜的棲息地與目標物種共享的食物來源，海龜也特別容易受到捕撈活動的傷害。此外，海龜是一種長壽的海洋動物，需要長時間才能達到生理上的成熟。包括綠蠔龜和棱皮龜在內的多種海龜已被科學界視為脆弱或瀕臨絕種。

為了保護這些易受傷害的動物，本公司致力於採取措施以減少捕撈行為對其族群的負面影響。本公司認可 ISSF Skippers' Guidebook to Sustainable Longline Fishing Practices，並確認減少誤捕鯊魚和海龜、處理和釋放鯊魚和海龜的最佳措施。所有的處理和釋放都會在經過廣泛訓練的船員監督下進行。

為了更好地保護鯊魚和海龜，本公司至少遵守以下最佳措施：

1. 不主動以捕撈鯊魚為目標
2. 不在浮標上設置鯊魚線
3. 禁止使用繩索
4. 禁止割鰭棄身的行為，並且我們的政策會張貼在船上以提高船員的警覺性
5. 不保留花鯊和黑鯊
6. 對於卸下的其他鯊魚，鯊魚會被保留，鯊魚鰭會自然附著在鯊魚身上，或將鯊魚鰭割下並綁在鯊魚上
7. 在捕撈日誌中記錄所有上岸鯊魚和海龜的品種
8. 僅使用圓鉤，並使用盡可能寬的鉤，以維持市場魚種可接受的捕獲率，必要時減少硬殼海龜的捕獲率
9. 僅使用單絲線
10. 提倡使用魚類而非魷魚作為魚餌
11. 在可行的情況下，將魚鉤設在比一般海龜數量豐富的深度（40 - 100 公尺）更深的地方
12. 不要與不遵守上述做法的漁業公司進行交易
13. 推廣副漁獲處理和釋放鯊魚、海龜、鯨類及鳥類之最佳作法，漁業應盡一切可能活體釋放這些個體

*Appendix*

| <b>Vessel name</b> | <b>IMO</b> | <b>Flag</b> | <b>Vessel Owner/Company</b> |
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| Nata 2             | 8748866    | Namibia     | Nata Fishing Enterprises CC |
| Shang Fu           | 8747226    | Namibia     | Nata Fishing Enterprises CC |
| Fu Yuan Yu 7852    | 9928310    | China       | Lin Hui                     |
| Fu Yuan Yu 7853    | 9928308    | China       | Lin Hui                     |
| Fu Yuan Yu 7855    | 9940265    | China       | Lin Hui                     |
| Fu Yuan Yu 7856    | 9940277    | China       | Lin Hui                     |
| Fu Yuan Yu 7857    | 9940289    | China       | Lin Hui                     |
| Fu Yuan Yu 7858    | 9921037    | China       | Lin Hui                     |
| Fu Yuan Yu 7859    | 9921049    | China       | Lin Hui                     |