



## **FAD MANAGEMENT POLICY**

(ISSF Conservation Measure 3.7)

**INPESCA GROUP** requires onboard its vessels (Annex 1) the use of the following best practices for FAD management, identified in ISSF Technical Report 2023-10, which updates ISSF Technical Report 2019-11, "Recommended Best Practices for FAD management in Tropical Tuna Purse Seine Fisheries":

### **a) Comply with flag state and RFMO reporting requirements for fisheries statistics by set type**

We commit to:

- Filling out completely and accurately the logbooks, including FAD logbook information, by set type required by the Flag State/tRFMO and submitting them by electronic reporting to the required authority and/or RFMO.
- Achieving 100% observer coverage, even if not required by the tRFMO, on all fishing trips through the use of human observers or a combination of human observers and voluntary Electronic Monitoring (EM). For EM, best-practice minimum standards developed by ISSF, or those developed by the tRFMO, will be followed.
- Collecting data on the number of active FADs and FAD activity (deployments, visits, sets and loss) as required by tRFMO and submitting them to the required authority and tRFMO.

### **b) Voluntarily report additional FAD buoy data for use by RFMO science bodies**

We commit to:

- Report FAD buoy daily position data to the scientific institution AZTI with a maximum time lag of 90 days, and request that these data be made available to the relevant RFMO for scientific purposes.
- Provide FAD buoy echo-sounder acoustic biomass data to the scientific institution AZTI, with a maximum time lag of 90 days. Data submissions must include the vessel name and IMO number (if available). And, if reporting to national scientific institution or flag state, we shall request that these data be made available to the relevant RFMO for scientific purposes.

### **c) Support science-based limits on the overall number of FADs used per vessel and/or FAD sets made**

We commit to:

- Abiding by the limit of active number of FADs adopted by tRFMO.



- Deploying only FADs with satellite tracking buoys
- Not reactivating remotely buoys that were previously deactivated. They will only be reactivated when the buoys are back in port.
- Providing information on the buoy position at least once per day, subject to good communication, while they are in the water
- Abiding by the FAD time area closure established by RFMO.

**d) Use only non-entangling FADs to reduce ghost fishing**

We commit to:

- Only deploying or redeploying (i.e. placing in the water) FDAs that are completely non-entangling (i.e. without any netting) according to the [ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs](#)
- Not deploying any "high entanglement risk" FAD according to the ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs (i.e., those using large open netting either in the raft or in the underneath part of the FADs. (>2.5 inches or 7 cm mesh)
- Removing from the water and modifying the design of "high entanglement risk" FADs according to the ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs that are reused by the fleet, to make them less or non-entangling as per the ISSF classification

**e) Mitigate other environmental impacts due to FAD loss including through the use of biodegradable FADs and FAD recovery policies**

We commit to:

- Studying the feasibility of using FADs with only biodegradable material in their construction except the floatation structure of the raft
- Participating in tests of locally-sourced biodegradable materials in collaboration with AZTI, ISSF or any other scientific institution
- Studying the feasibility of deploying simpler and smaller FADs.

**f) For silky sharks (the main bycatch issue in FAD sets) implement further mitigation efforts**

We commit to:

- Applying Best Practices for safe handling and release of sharks and rays brought onboard

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## **Annex 1**

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