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FOR ISSF CONSERVATION MEASURE 3.7
Transactions with Vessels or Companies with Vessel-based FAD Management

Nauru Fisheries Development Corporation requires onboard its vessel(s) 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 tRFMO and submitting them by electronic reporting to the required authority and/or RFMO.

We commit to

Achieving 100% observer coverage on all fishing trips through the regional observer program operated by tRFMO

We also commit to

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

provide FAD buoy daily position and FAD buoy echo-sounder acoustic biomass data to the relevant [RFMO science bodies and/or national scientific institutions and/or flag State], with a maximum time lag of 90 days. Data submissions must include the vessel name and IMO number (if available). Deployments should be identified in the data submissions when possible. [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.

We commit to deploying only FADs with satellite tracking buoys.

We also commit to abiding by the FAD time area closure established by tRFMO.



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

We commit to

only deploying or redeploying (i.e. placing in the water) FADs that are completely non-entangling (i.e., without any netting) according to the ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs

We also commit to

Retrieving, where practicable, any encountered pre-existing non-fully NEFAD (whether a set is done or not) which is not in compliance with this measure.

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

We commit to

Participating in trial(s) of biodegradable FAD designs and/or FAD recovery programs that include the participation of the relevant RFMO science bodies and/or coastal States, national scientists, and/or ISSF scientists to monitor experimental design.

We commit to

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.

List of Vessels under Nauru Fisheries Development Corporation

Naoero Sun

Naoero Star

This policy was adopted on **1st April, 2025**.

* ISSF CM 3.5 will be repealed and replaced by CM 3.7 as of 1 April, 2025

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