



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

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.

**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 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)



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**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 trials 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.

This policy was adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

\* ISSF CM 3.5 will be repealed and replaced by CM 3.7 as of 1 April 2025

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