



PEVASA FAD MANAGEMENT POLICY

2025

PEVASA 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”*:

1. Comply with flag state and RFMO reporting requirements for fisheries statistics by set type, we commit to:
 - a. Filling out completely and accurately the logbooks, including FAD logbook information, by set type required by where our vessels are active and submitting them by electronic reporting to the required authority and / or RFMO.
 - b. Achieving 100% observer coverage, even if not required by the RFMO, 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 RFMO, will be followed.
 - c. Authorizing satellite data buoy provider to provide to buoy daily position data where our vessels are active, to estimate the number of active FADs and voluntarily submitting them to the RFMO.
2. Voluntarily report additional FAD buoy data for use by RFMO science bodies, we commit to:
 - a. Report FAD buoy daily position 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. In the event that purse seine vessels and supply vessels covered by the policy report these data to national scientific institutions and/or its flag, they shall request that these data be made available to the relevant RFMO for scientific purposes.
 - b. Provide 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). In the event that purse seine vessels and supply vessels covered by the policy report these data to national scientific institutions and/or its flag State, they shall request that these data be made available to the relevant RFMO for scientific purposes.



3. Support science-based limits on the overall number of FADs used per vessel and / or FAD sets made, we commit to:
 - a. Abiding by the limit of active number of FADs adopted RFMO.
 - b. Not reactivating remotely buoys that were previously deactivated. They will only be reactivated when the buoys are back in port.
 - c. Abiding by the FAD time area closure established by RFMO where our vessels are active.
4. Use only non-entangling FADs to reduce ghost fishing, we commit to:
 - a. Only deploying or redeploying (placing in water) FADs that are completely non-entangling (i.e., without any netting in any of the components) according to the ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs.
 - b. 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.
5. Mitigate other environmental impacts due to FAD loss including through the use of biodegradable FADs and FAD recovery policies, we commit to:
 - a. Deploying 70% of our FADs with only biodegradable materials except for floatation components of the raft, for which the use of non-biodegradable material should be reduced as much as possible, with an aim to increase this to > 85% by 2025.
 - b. Participating in trials of biodegradable FAD designs and tests with the participation of scientific institutions.
 - c. Studying the feasibility of deploying simpler and smaller FADs.
 - d. Participate in projects with scientific institutions or RFMO's to alert them of FADs that are drifting in the direction of sensitive area to remove stranded FADs.
6. Practicing best safe handling and release of by catch species, such as silky sharks, other species of sharks and rays brought onboard. Participate in release equipment development and improvement projects.
7. Fishing skippers shall update their best practice training every 3 years maximum (ISSF Workshop / ISSF accredited trainer / review the Skippers Guide or Skippers Workshop Video).

This policy is posted on the Company website www.pevasa.es.

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