



FOR ISSF CONSERVATION MEASURE 3.7

Transactions with Vessels or Companies with Vessels based on FAD Management

The **JADRAN Group** fleet requires on board its vessels the use of the following best practices for FAD management, identified in the ISSF Technical Report 2023-10, which updates the ISSF Technical Report 2019-11, "Recommended Best Practices for FAD Management in Tropical Tuna Purse Seine Fisheries", the following:

(a) Comply with flag State and RFMO reporting requirements for fishery statistics by set type.

Our fleet is committed to:

- ▶ Filling out completely and accurately the log forms developed by the IATTC, including the information in the FAD logbook, by set type required by the regional flag authorities and the IATTC, and submitting them through electronic reports.
- ▶ Maintain 100% observer coverage on all fishing trips through the IATTC-operated regional observer program and other national programs duly trained and recognized by the IATTC.
- ▶ Collect data on the number of active FADs and the activity of FADs (deployments, visits, hauls and losses) according to the IATTC FAD form and submit them to the regional flag authorities and submit them to the IATTC.
- ▶ Authorize the satellite buoy provider to provide information to the regional flag authorities, daily data on the position of the buoys to estimate the number of active FADs and send them to the IATTC in accordance with Annex IV of C-24-01.

(b) Voluntarily report additional FAD buoy data for use by RFMO scientific bodies.

Our fleet is committed to:

- ▶ Participate in a scientific program of Fisheries Scientific Institutions of regional flag State and support the work of IATTC scientific staff, providing daily positions and echo sounder data for each company- owned FAD, with a delay as necessary to ensure confidentiality, as per Annex IV of C-24-01.
- ▶ Provide FAD daily buoy position data and echosounder acoustic biomass data from FAD buoy echo sounders, including vessel name and IMO number (if available), to IATTC scientific bodies and/or national scientific institutions and/or the relevant flag State, at monthly intervals and with a lapse of at least 60 days, but not more than 90 days, in accordance with Annex IV of C-24-01 and paragraph 26-27. Deployments should be identified in the data submissions when possible.

(c) Support science-based limits on the total number of FADs used per vessel and/or DCP hauls made.

Our fleet is committed to:

- ▶ Abide by the limit on the active number of FADs adopted by the IATTC, as per paragraph 20 of C-24-01.
- ▶ Deploy only FADs with satellite tracking buoys;
- ▶ Respect and comply with the conservation measures and regulations issued by the IATTC and/or the flag State authorities regarding the remote reactivation of buoys that were previously deactivated, in accordance with C-24-01 and according to paragraphs 21-24.
- ▶ Abiding by the FAD time area closure established by the IATTC.



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

Our fleet is committed to:

- ▶ Only deploy or redeploy FADs that are completely non-entangling (i.e. without any netting) according to the ISSF Guide for non-entangling FADs.
- ▶ Where practicable, retrieve any encountered pre-existing non-entangling FAD (whether a set is done or not) which is not in compliance with this measure.

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

Our fleet is committed to:

- ▶ Deploy at least 20% of our FADs with biodegradable materials only, except for raft flotation components, for which the use of non-biodegradable material should be reduced as much as possible, with an aim to increase this to 100% by 2030.
- ▶ Participate in design trials and trials of biodegradable FADs with the participation of RFMO and/or CPC scientific bodies or ISSF scientists.
- ▶ Participate in testing of locally sourced biodegradable materials in collaboration with national and international Scientific Institutions and Foundations.
- ▶ Study the feasibility of implementing simpler and smaller FADs.
- ▶ Participate in research to determine areas of FAD deployment that are at high risk of stranding, providing historical track up data to scientific institutions.
- ▶ Participate in a project with IATTC, scientific institutions, foundations, or NGOs to alert them to FADs that are moving in the direction of identified countries or sensitive areas to remove stranded FADs.
- ▶ Participate in trials of FAD recovery programs with the participation of IATTC scientific organizations and/or Flag States Authorities or ISSF scientists.
- ▶ Remove from water and bring back to port 10% of active FADs used by the vessels in each trip.
- ▶ When practicable, remove from the water and bring back to the port all FADs found with non-biodegradable items (e.g., plastic containers);

f) For silky sharks (the main bycatch problem in over-planted sets), implement more mitigation efforts.

Our fleet is committed to:

- ▶ Application of best practices for the safe management and release of sharks and rays brought on board.

Jadran Group fleet is constituted of the following vessels: Reina de La Paz, Ljubica and Juan Pablo II.

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