

This policy sets out PEVASA's commitments and best practices for the responsible management of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) across all its fishing operations.

PEVASA requires that all its vessels implement the following best practices for FAD management under a vessel-based FAD Management Policy, as 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. Compliance with flag State and RFMO reporting requirements

PEVASA commits to:

- a. Completing all required logbooks fully and accurately, including FAD logbook information by set type, in accordance with the requirements applicable in the areas where its vessels operate, and submitting them electronically to the competent authority and/or Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO).
- b. Achieving 100% observer coverage on all fishing trips, even when not required by the RFMO, with human observers or a combination of human observers and voluntary Electronic Monitoring (EM). For EM, best-practice minimum standards developed by ISSF and/or the relevant RFMO shall be followed.
- c. Authorizing satellite buoy providers to share daily buoy position data in areas where PEVASA vessels operate, in order to estimate the number of active FADs, and voluntarily submitting this information to the relevant RFMO.

2. Voluntary reporting of additional FAD buoy data for scientific purposes

PEVASA commits to:

- a. Reporting daily FAD buoy position data to the relevant RFMO scientific bodies and/or national scientific institutions and/or flag State, with a maximum time lag of 90 days. Data submissions shall include the vessel name and IMO number (if available). When possible, FAD deployments shall be identified in the data submissions. Where data are reported to national scientific institutions and/or the flag State, PEVASA shall request that these data be made available to the relevant RFMO for scientific purposes.
- b. Providing FAD buoy echo-sounder acoustic biomass data to the relevant RFMO scientific bodies and/or national scientific institutions and/or flag State, with a maximum time lag of 90 days. Data submissions shall include the vessel name and IMO number (if available). Where data are reported to national scientific institutions and/or the flag State, PEVASA shall request that these data be made available to the relevant RFMO for scientific purposes.

3. Support for science-based limits on FAD use

PEVASA commits to:

- a. Complying with the limits on the number of active FADs per vessel adopted by the relevant RFMO.



b. Not remotely reactivating buoys that have previously been deactivated. Buoys shall only be reactivated once they are physically recovered and returned to port.

c. Complying with all RFMO-established FAD time-area closures in the areas where its vessels operate.

4. Use of non-entangling FADs to reduce ghost fishing

PEVASA commits to:

a. Deploying or redeploying only fully non-entangling FADs (NEFADs), meaning FADs without any netting in any of their components, in accordance with the ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs.

b. Retrieving, where practicable, any encountered pre-existing FADs that are not fully non-entangling, whether or not a fishing set is conducted.

5. Mitigation of environmental impacts related to FAD loss

PEVASA commits to:

a. Deploying at least 70% of its FADs using only biodegradable materials, except for the flotation components of the raft, for which the use of non-biodegradable materials shall be reduced as much as possible, with the objective of increasing this proportion to more than 85%.

b. Participating in trials and pilot projects of biodegradable FAD designs in collaboration with scientific institutions.

c. Assessing the feasibility of deploying simpler and smaller FAD designs.

d. Participating in projects with scientific institutions or RFMOs to identify FADs drifting towards sensitive areas and to support the removal of stranded FADs.

6. Bycatch mitigation and release practices

PEVASA commits to:

Applying best practices for the safe handling and release of bycatch species, including silky sharks and other sharks and rays brought onboard, and to participating in projects aimed at the development and improvement of release equipment.

7. Training

Fishing skippers shall update their best-practice training at least every three (3) years, through participation in ISSF workshops, training by ISSF-accredited trainers, or review of the ISSF Skippers' Guide and Skippers' Workshop videos.

This policy is publicly available on the Company website: www.pevasa.es

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