



## **NON-ENTANGLING FAD POLICY**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 Pevasa does not permit aboard any of its owned or operated vessels the practice of deploying Fish Aggregating Devices (known as FAD's) that are of Highest Entanglement Risk as defined in the ISSF Guide for Non-entangling FADS.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 all FAD are made according to the Non-Entangling FADs Guide published in 2015.

Starting 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, Pevasa has decided to adapt its FADs policy according to the ISSF Technical Report ISSF 2020-11 and the ISSF Non-Entangling and Biodegradable FADs Guide 2019, in the following terms:

1. Raft structure: if the raft is covered, it should generally be with shade cloth or canvas, with no netting used.
2. The subsurface (hanging) structure should generally be made with ropes, canvas, nylon sheets or other non-entangling materials. If small mesh netting is used, it must be tightly tied into bundles ("sausages"), or in a panel that is weighted so as to keep it taut. If netting is used, it is only of small mesh (less than 2,5 inches stretched mesh).
3. The number and quantity of materials used will be reduced in order to minimize generating debris.

PEVASA will also:

- strive to remove any entangling FADs it encounters at sea, and bring them to port for disposal.
- strive to use as much as possible biodegradable materials in the construction of new FADs.
- participate in research to determine FAD deployment areas that have high risk of stranding, by providing historical track data to scientific institutions



- Cooperate with scientific institutions or NGOs to alert them of FADs that are drifting to sensitive areas and cooperate to remove stranded FADs.
- Practice best safe handling and release of sharks and rays brought onboard.
- advance through research, in the feasibility of using FADs with only biodegradable material in their construction except the flotation structure of the raft and the buoy

PEVASA, in the tuna RFMO's where its vessels are active, commits to:

- abide to the limits of active number of FADs adopted
- collect and submit data on the number of active FADs and FAD activity (deployments, visits, sets and loss) as required
- fill out completely and accurately the logbooks, including FAD logbook information, by set type required

This policy is posted on the Company website [www.pevasa.es](http://www.pevasa.es).

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