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**I. OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this procedure is to have an effective and integrated management of Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) to be deployed during sea water operations adapted by Rell and Renn Fishing Corporation.

**II. SCOPE**

This includes the flag state RFMO report, data, non-entangling, environment mitigations, science-based limit, and the implementation of further mitigation for silky shark.

**III. DEFINITION**

**3.1 Non-entangling**– the condition of not being entangled.

**IV. AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**4.1 The General Manager, RRFC Operations Head, and RRFC Operations**

**Team** shall be responsible in ensuring that this policy is properly communicated, implemented and understood by the organization.

**4.2 The Operations Supervisor, with the help of the Quality Assurance**

**Department,** shall be responsible in verifying and updating this procedure.

**V. GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Starting on June 1, 2021, **Rell and Renn Fishing 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":


**5.1 Comply with flag state and RFMO reporting requirements for fisheries statistics by set type.**

We commit to ISSF:

5.1.1 Filling out completely and accurately the logbooks, including FAD logbook information, by set type required by Flag State and submitting them by electronic reporting to the required authority and/or RFMO.

5.1.2 Achieving 100% observer coverage on all fishing trips through the regional observer program operated by tRFMO.

5.1.3 Authorizing satellite data buoy provider to provide to Flag State buoy daily position data to estimate the number of active FADs and voluntarily submitting them to the tRFMO.

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**5.2 Voluntarily report additional FAD buoy data for use by FROM science bodies.**

We commit to ISSF:

5.2.1 Report FAD buoy daily position data to the relevant RFMO science bodies, National Scientific Institutions and 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.

5.2.2 Provide FAD buoy echo-sounder acoustic biomass data to the relevant RFMO science bodies, National Scientific Institutions and Flag State, with maximum time lag of 90 days. Data submission must include the vessel name and IMO number. And if reporting to the national scientific institution or flag state, we shall request that these data be made available to the relevant RFMO for scientific purposes.

**5.3 Support science-based limits on the overall number of FADs used per vessel and/or FAD sets made.**

We commit to WCPFC:

5.3.1 Abiding by the limit of active number of FAD’s adopted by tRFMO.

5.3.2 Deploying only FADs with satellite tracking buoys.

5.3.3 Not reactivating remotely buoys that were previously deactivated. They will only be reactivated when the buoys are back in port.

5.3.4 Providing information on the buoy position at least once per day while they are in the water.

5.3.5 Abiding by the FAD time area closure established by the tRFMO


**5.4 Use only non-entangling FADs to reduce ghost fishing.**

We commit to ISSF:

5.4.1 [Only deploying or redeploying \(i.e. placing in the water\) FADs that are completely non-entangling \(i.e., without any netting\) according to the](#)

5.4.2 Removing from the water and bringing back to port all encountered “high entanglement risk”FADs 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).

5.4.3 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.

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**5.5 Mitigate other environmental impacts due to loss including through the use of biodegradable FADs and FAD recovery policies.**

We commit to ISSF:

- 5.5.1 Deploying 60% 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 100% by year.
- 5.5.2 Participating in trials of biodegradable FAD design and test materials in collaboration with scientific institution.
- 5.5.3 Not deploying FADs more than 15m deep and testing simpler structure and smaller FADs to reduce their impact.
- 5.5.4 Participating in research to determine FAD deployment areas that have high risk of stranding, by providing historical track data to Scientific Institution.
- 5.5.5 Participate in [trials of FAD recovery programs with the participation of RFMO science bodies and/ or CPCs or ISSF scientist.](#)
- 5.5.6 Removing from the water and bringing back to port all encountered FADs with non-biodegradable elements (e.g., plastic containers).

**5.6 For silky shark (the main by catch issue in FAD sets) implement further mitigation efforts.**

We commit to ISSF:

- 5.6.1 Applying Best Practices for safe handling and release of sharks and rays brought onboard.

[This policy is adopted on April 1, 2025.](#)

**VI. HISTORY OF REVISION**

Issue/Revision No.	Effective Date	Reasons/ Details
1/0	December 01, 2022	- Initial Release
1/01	October 5, 2023	Update the policy based on the current requirements.
1/02	July 9, 2024	<a href="#">Update the policy based on the updated control measures requirements.</a>