



ISSF CONSERVATION MEASURE 3.1

SHARK PROTECTION POLICY: SHARK FINNING PROHIBITION SHARK PRESERVATION BEST PRACTICES

Since the start of its Tuna activities in 2006 SAPMER has set a strict policy with an absolute prohibition of finning on sharks that would have been accidentally caught during fishing operations. If a shark would have been accidentally caught and retained, it would be landed with fins naturally attached. SAPMER vessels are all subject to the same strict environmental measure.

🔍 **Shark preservation best practices**

Since 2010 based on the results of the MADE project the Tuna for Tomorrow program on shark was set to reduce or eliminate the mortality of sharks accidentally caught during fishing operations. This program led to the setting of tools and protocols compiled in a Good Practices Guide http://www.orthongel.fr/docs/publications/GoodpracticesGuide_LDef.pdf in force on all SAPMER vessels.

🔍 **Monitoring**

This policy is monitored by a 100% observer coverage in force on all SAPMER vessels.

🔍 **Regulatory framework**

This Shark policy and the associated technical means have been developed since then in a process of continuous improvement and are in full compliance with international rules and regulations including:

- ✓ United Nation FAO code of conduct for Responsible Fisheries and its international plan of Action for the conservation and management of sharks
<http://www.fao.org/ipoa-sharks/en/>
- ✓ IOTC resolution 5/05 superseded by resolution 17/05 on the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC
<https://www.iotc.org/cmm/resolution-1705-conservation-sharks-caught-association-fisheries-managed-iotc>
- ✓ Decision N° 8 and N°12 of ORTHONGEL our Producer Organisation
<http://www.orthongel.fr/docs/reglt/orthongel/Dec8rev-requins.pdf>
<http://www.orthongel.fr/docs/reglt/orthongel/Dec12-requins.pdf>
- ✓ SAPMER Group's vessel compliance can be consulted on the ISSF ProActive Vessel Register(PVR)
<https://iss-foundation.org/knowledge-tools/databases/proactive-vessel-register/>