

BOLTON ALIMENTARI TUNA SUPPLYING POLICY

In the framework of Bolton Alimentari's Social Responsibility commitments, all suppliers and producers of Bolton Alimentari involved in Tuna Fishing and/or in Tuna Processing for loins or canned products, shall get appropriately organized to commit with the following measures :

1. **Comply with European Regulations No. 853/2004 and No. 1005/2008.**
2. **Comply with all ISSF conservation measures within the limits of their relevance :**
 - RFMO Support
 - Refrain from transactions in tuna caught by vessels that are not on the authorized vessel record of the RFMO of reference at the time of the fishing trip, so long as the vessel is subject to listing in the RFMO authorized vessel record
 - Conduct transactions only with those vessels that are flagged to a member of the relevant RFMO (or cooperating non-member, if membership is not available under the RFMO Convention), or have applied with the RFMO for such status.
 - Traceability and Data Collection
 - Manage a strong and documented traceability system in order to credibly trace tuna information (see below) from the capture to the finished product
 - For ISSF Participating Companies, regularly submit the data of fishing, transportation and unloading listed in the Conservation Measure 2.2 and within their control, to the appropriate RFMO scientific bodies.
 - Bycatch Mitigation
 - Refrain from transactions with vessels that carry out shark finning or with vessels that were involved in shark finning in the last two years.
 - Release a public anti-shark finning policy
 - Refrain from transactions in tuna caught by large-scale pelagic driftnets
 - Conduct transactions only with those purse seine vessels that retain all caught tuna within the limits specified in the Conservation Measure 3.3. For non PVR vessels, the company provides evidence of vessel policy or RFMO requirement regarding full retentions of tunas.
 - Conduct transactions only with those purse seine vessels (> 30 GT) whose skippers have completed ISSF best practices education
 - Conduct transactions only with those purse seine vessels whose owners have a public policy regarding the use of only non-entangling FADs. The policy should refer to the ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs (<http://iss-foundation.org/download-monitor-demo/download-info/issf-guide-for-non-entangling-fads/>) and shall apply to all new FAD deployments, regardless of the type of vessel that deploys the FADs.
 - Monitoring, Control and Surveillance
 - Refrain from transactions in tuna caught by vessels (> 30 GT) that have not received an IMO number, an UVI number (Unique Vessel Identifier) or a TUVI.
 - Conduct transactions only with those large-scale purse seine vessels (> 335 m3 fish hold volume) that have 100% observer coverage (human or electronic) on every fishing trip and observing every fishing operation, unless prevented by force majeure conditions or exemptions adopted by ISSF through Conservation Measures.
 - Conduct transactions only with those purse seine vessels that do not engage in transshipments at sea, whether high seas, EEZ, territorial seas or archipelagic waters, unless exemptions adopted by ISSF through Conservation Measures.
 - IUU Fishing
 - Refrain from transactions in tuna caught by harvesting vessel(s) or transported by transshipment vessel(s) on the IUU Vessel List of any RFMO completed with the European IUU Vessel List.

- Duly inform Bolton Alimentari in case of IUU fish have been processed and used for frozen tuna loins and/or finished products with brand names belonging to Bolton Alimentari.
 - Large-Scale Purse seiners (≥ 335 m³ fish hold volume)
 - Purchase Skipjack, Yellowfin and Bigeye tuna only from those vessels listed in the ISSF ProActive Vessel Register (<http://iss-foundation.org/knowledge-tools/databases/proactive-vessel-register/>) and fully compliant with the ISSF Conservation Measures within the limits of their relevance.
 - Suppliers and producers commit to regularly refer to ISSF website to take into account any Conservation Measures updating (<http://iss-foundation.org/knowledge-tools/publications-presentations/conservation-measures-commitments/>).
3. **Join the “Dolphin Safe” program.**
 4. **Do not use tuna caught in Marine Reserves or protected areas identified by Coastal States, as those identified by PNA in WCP Ocean high seas.**
 5. **Do not use tuna caught by longline vessels for Bolton Alimentari products.**
 6. **Focus on tuna caught by Pole & Line, Hand Line, Purse Seine FAD-Free or Free School providing the appropriate documentation (for example: Catch certificates, Captain statements, third party audits CoC, etc.) in order to promote such fishing methods.**
 7. **For non ISSF members, having public and accepted policies regarding Tuna Supplying and Anti Shark-finning.**
 8. **Duly report in the Bolton Supplier Workplace Portal all information regarding tuna traceability, including fishing operation (fishing vessel , fishing trip, fishing gear, ocean, FAO area, ...), transport and unloading operation (transshipment vessel, port of unloading, ...), processing operation (Frozen Loins and Canned Products).**
 9. **Collaborate with Bolton Alimentari to ensure the correct proceeding of audits referring to (1) the whole tuna chain traceability certification and (2) the respect of Bolton Group’s Policies (Tuna Policy, Code of Ethics and Human Right Policy) throughout the extended supply chain.**
 10. **Comply with what stated in the Code of Ethics of the Bolton Group and in the Human Rights Policy of the Bolton Group.**
 11. **Conduct transaction with vessels that comply with the ILO conventions concerning work in the fishing sector and in particular with the Convention C188 (2007) irrespective of whether the Country, whose flag the vessel flies, has ratified these conventions.**