



**ISSF Participating Company Compliance  
Audit Checklist  
Version 2021/1**

## **Bolton Food**

The following information is based on data provided by the company; it has been independently audited for completeness and accuracy (Pursuant to stated ISSF guidelines):

**Brands : Rio Mare, Palmera, Saupiquet, Pêcheurs de France**

**Final Compliance Report (as of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022, for activities from Q4 2020 to Q3 2021)**

I Luciano Pirovano/SD Director (Name/Title) of Bolton Food, acknowledge receipt of this final compliance report, and have taken notice of any potential non-conformances contained within.

Signature<sup>1</sup>: 

Date: March 2022

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that ISSF mandates that the head of your company sign the Final draft of this report.

## General Audit Information

Company Name	Bolton Food	
Affiliated Company Names	Saupiquet France, Bolton Adriatic, Bolton Austria, Bolton Belgium, Bolton Croatia, Colton Czechia, Saupiquet Deutschland, Bolton Hellas, Bolton Middle East JLT, Bolton Polska, Bolton Swiss, Bolton Nederland, Bolton Serbia	
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Time zone(s) for coordinating remote audit conference call	Italy/Spain	
Language requirements for remote audit conference call	English	

Compliance Snapshot								
Conservation Measure	Current	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
1.1 RFMO Authorized Vessel Record	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OBS	OK
1.2 RFMO Participation	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OBS
2.1 Product Traceability	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
2.2 Quarterly Data Submission to RFMO	OK	OK	OK	MINOR	MINOR	N/A	N/A	OK
2.3 Product Labelling by Species and Area of Capture	OK	OK	OK	OK	-	-	-	-
2.4 Supply Chain Transparency, Audit, Reporting and Purchase Requirements	OK	OK	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.1(a) Shark Finning Policy	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
3.1(b) Prohibition of Transactions with Shark Finning Vessels	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	MINOR
3.1(c) Prohibition of Transactions with Companies without a Public Policy	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	MINOR	OK
3.2 Large-scale Pelagic Driftnets	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
3.3 Full Retention of tunas	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
3.4 Skippers Best Practices	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
3.5 Transactions w/ Vessels that use Only Non-Entangling FADs	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	-	-	-
3.6 Transactions with Vessels Implementing Best Practices for Sharks & Sea Turtles	N/A	N/A	OK	N/A	-	-	-	-
3.7 Transactions with Vessels or Companies with Vessel-Based FAD Management Policies	OK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.1 UVI-IMO	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
4.2 Purse Seine Unique Vessel Identifiers	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
4.3(a) Observer Coverage	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
4.4(a) Transshipment	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OBS
4.4(c) Transshipment at Sea – Observer Coverage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
5.1 IUU Fishing	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	MINOR
5.2 IUU Product Response	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	MINOR
6.1 Transaction Ban for LPS vessels not Actively Fishing for Tuna on Dec. 31, 2012	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
6.2(e) Purchases from PS Vessels in Fleets with Other Vessels not in Compliance w/ CMs 6.1 and 6.2(a)	OK	OK	OK	OK	-	-	-	-
7.1(a) Registration of Controlled Vessels (purse seine and supply & tender)	N/A	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
7.1(b) Registration of Controlled Vessels (longline)	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
7.2 Threshold Requirement for PVR Listing	OK	OK	OK	OK	-	-	-	-
7.3 Purchases from PVR Vessels	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	-	-
7.4 Supply and Tender Vessels	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
7.5 Purchases from PVR Vessels (Longline)	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.1 Exemption for Very Small Purse Seine Vessels	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	OK	N/A	N/A	N/A
9.1 Public Policy on Social and Labor Standards	OK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Audit purpose	
<b>Audit objective</b>	The purpose of this audit is to validate participating company compliance with all ISSF conservation measures in place for the year of activity being audited.
<b>Audit criteria</b>	The PC compliance audits cover all conservation measures as defined in the ISSF Participating Company Compliance: Audit Policy Document and Standard Operating Procedures, Version 2020/1.
<b>Audit outcomes</b>	The auditing serves as an assessment of conformance by PCs. Any significant gaps in conformance and where corrective actions may be necessary will be specified. Timelines for remediation will be prescribed by MRAG in the audit report, however any sanctions or other actions will be at the discretion of ISSF. Depending on the nature of the non-conformance and the required corrective action, a follow up audit may be required.
<b>Purpose of this document</b>	All auditors will follow this checklist for conducting ISSF PC Compliance audits. The completed and approved copy of this checklist will serve as the audit report for each participating company.
<b>Other relevant documentation</b>	ISSF Participating Company Compliance: Audit Policy Document and Standard Operating Procedures, Version 2020/1.

Conformance with ISSF Commitments	
<b>Non-conformances</b>	Non-conformances must be raised against specific ISSF conservation measures. The severity of the non-conformance – and whether this jeopardizes the integrity of the ISSF program – determines which non-conformances are raised.
<b>Grading</b>	MRAG Americas defines audit findings as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Conformance (Ok) - the PC can provide evidence of compliance with a conservation measure</li> <li>· Observations - the PC is currently in compliance but there is a high risk that non-conformance could occur inadvertently without implementing preventative actions</li> <li>· Minor Non-conformance – the PC does not comply with a conservation measure, but this does not compromise the integrity of the ISSF initiatives</li> <li>· Major Non-conformance – the PC does not comply with a conservation measure, and this compromises the integrity of the ISSF initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>MRAG Americas' procedures</b>	MRAG Americas' procedures for handling non-conformances for PCs are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· MRAG Americas substantiates conformance through documented evidence.</li> <li>· Where a company cannot provide documented evidence of conformance with a conservation measure, a</li> </ul>

	<p>non-conformance must be issued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· All non-conformances must be graded either major or minor.</li> <li>· In the case of a non-conformance, ISSF may require a Corrective Action Response (CAR). The corrective actions must be in place and evidence of addressing the condition must be supplied to MRAG or ISSF within an agreed timescale or a follow up audit may be required.</li> </ul>
<b>Corrective Action Responses (CARs)</b>	<p>To rectify non-conformances, the PC may be given the opportunity to provide a CAR. The nature of the CAR is at the discretion of the PC. MRAG Americas does not advise on what specific corrective action the PC may take but will assess whether the CAR is expected to address the non-conformance. MRAG Americas will also not provide advice with respect to any sanction that might be applied to a PC resulting from identified non-conformances. Such action will be at the discretion of the ISSF.</p>

**Table 1: Conservation Measures and Conformance Levels**

CM	Category	Category Guidance	Gear Type	Means of Verification	Grade	Evidence	Corrective Action
1.1	Tuna RFMO Authorized Vessel Record	<p>All purchases must be from vessels listed on the authorized vessel record of the RFMO governing the ocean area in which the tuna was caught, at the time of the fishing trip, so long as the vessel is of a size subject to listing in the RFMO authorized vessel record.</p> <p>For any purchases from non-PVR vessels, maintain a system to check and approve vessel listing. If company sources from vessels not registered with an RFMO, it must provide audit team with supporting evidence (such as National vessel registries, copies of vessel licenses, etc.) to demonstrate effectiveness of procurement screening system.</p>	All	<p>Auditor reviews company system to ensure that purchases are from properly listed vessels. If company sources from vessels not registered with an RFMO, auditor reviews additional evidence that vessel was exempt from RFMO listing and legally authorized to fish during the audit period.</p> <p>The traceability exercises, reviewing RFMO vessel records and checking ocean areas where vessels are fishing, verifies the system.</p>	Ok	<p>Company does not directly conduct transactions with fishing vessels. and provided a statement that only frozen loins or canned products are purchased from other ISSF Participating Companies.</p> <p>All selected vessels that are part of the traceability exercise are properly listed in RFMO authorized vessel records.</p>	
1.2	RFMO Participation	<p>All purchases must be from vessels flagged to a member or cooperating non-member (CNM) of the relevant RFMO or have applied with the RFMO for either status. If membership is not possible under the RFMO</p>	All	<p>Auditor reviews quarterly data sent by the company to the RFMO to check that all vessels meet this requirement.</p>	Ok	<p>Company does not directly conduct fish transactions with fishing vessels, however all vessels that are part of the traceability exercise are properly flagged and are a member</p>	

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		Convention, processors, traders, importers, transporters, marketers, and others involved in the seafood industry shall conduct transactions only with those vessels that are flagged to Invited Experts, or another approved designation, to any such RFMO.				or cooperating non-member of RFMO relevant to the fishing area.	
2.1	Product Traceability	Demonstrate ability to trace products from can code or sales invoice to vessel and trip.	All	Auditor will review recent mock recalls, if available, and select a sample (i.e., all sales for a specific month) of can codes or sales invoices by label and destination from which the company will conduct traceability exercises. If the company produces cans from loins, or sells loins as a finished good, these products must be included in the assessment and the traceability exercise will cover a 3-month period.	Ok	The company has a suitable traceability system in place that allows all product codes and produced volumes to be traced through all stages of the supply chain back to the vessel and vessel trip.	
2.2	Quarterly Data Submission to RFMO	<p>a. Send information for all round fish purchases (skipjack, albacore, yellowfin, bigeye), as described in the measure, to RFMO scientific bodies for each quarter by the last day of the following calendar quarter.</p> <p>b. <a href="#">As described by ISSF</a>, for each quarter, Participating Companies are required to report (no later than the last day of the following calendar quarter) if they have no purchase of round fish (in total or from a typical RFMO region).</p> <p>c. A Participating Company that only purchases loins and finished</p>	All	<p>Auditor checks that the required reporting format has been used and that information has been sent on time by companies to RFMO for all purchases.</p> <p>If applicable, auditor checks if PC has notified the relevant RFMO(s) that company did not purchase any round fish for a specific quarter.</p> <p>If applicable, auditor checks that quarterly</p>	Ok	Company provided a statement every quarter, confirming it only purchases loins and/or finished goods. This statement was received in accordance with ISSF timeline requirements.	

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		<p>goods from other ISSF participating companies is exempt from sending RFMO data. However, the company must affirm quarterly via an unprompted email to <a href="mailto:rmodata@iss-foundation.org">rmodata@iss-foundation.org</a></p> <p>This measure requires a specific reporting format (available <a href="#">here</a>) be used for all RFMO submissions.</p>		<p>emails have been sent to <a href="mailto:rmodata@iss-foundation.org">rmodata@iss-foundation.org</a> when company only purchases loins and/or finished goods.</p>			
2.3	Product Labelling by Species and Area of Capture	<p>Processors, traders, importers, transporters, marketers and others involved in the seafood industry shall on all product labeling, or through a publicly available web-based system by product, for all branded tuna products:</p> <p>1. Identify the species of tuna contained in the product. For example:</p> <p>Katsuwonus pelamis, Skipjack, Bonite, Listado</p> <p>Thunnus alalunga, Albacore, Germon, Atún blanco</p> <p>Thunnus albacares, Yellowfin, Thon Jaune, Rabil</p> <p>Thunnus obesus, Bigeye, Thon Obese, Patudo</p> <p>2. Identify the ocean of capture for the tuna contained in the product. If mentioning FAO area, the following format should be used:</p> <p>Area 18 (Arctic Sea)  Area 21 (Atlantic, Northwest)  Area 27 (Atlantic, Northeast)  Area 31 (Atlantic, Western Central)  Area 34 (Atlantic, Eastern Central)  Area 37 (Mediterranean &amp; Black Sea)  Area 41 (Atlantic, Southwest)  Area 47 (Atlantic, Southeast)  Area 48 (Atlantic, Antarctic)  Area 51 (Indian Ocean, Western)</p>	All	<p>Auditor obtains list of consumer-facing branded products, and checks that said list includes information on the species of tuna (scientific name and/or common name), and ocean of capture.</p> <p>Auditor may also verify conformance with this CM during the annual traceability exercise.</p>	Ok	<p>Auditor notes that tuna species, ocean of capture, FAO area and fishing method do appear on the packaging of consumer-facing brands owned by the company.</p> <p>The Saupiquet (<a href="https://www.saupiquet.com/tracabilite/">https://www.saupiquet.com/tracabilite/</a>) and Rio Mare (<a href="https://traceability.riomare.com/report">https://traceability.riomare.com/report</a>) brands have real-time traceability websites, while the Isabel (<a href="https://www.isabel.net/trazabilidad/#atun_text">https://www.isabel.net/trazabilidad/#atun_text</a>) and Cuca (<a href="https://www.conservasca.com/es/trazabilidad">https://www.conservasca.com/es/trazabilidad</a>) brands offer the option to submit a form to the company, which is then returned within 48hrs.</p> <p>The brands Palmera and Pêcheurs de France show species name and ocean of capture on packaging.</p>	

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		Area 57 (Indian Ocean, Eastern) Area 58 (Indian Ocean, Antarctic & Southern) Area 61 (Pacific, Northwest) Area 67 (Pacific, Northeast) Area 71 (Pacific, Western Central) Area 77 (Pacific, Eastern Central) Area 81 (Pacific, Southwest) Area 87 (Pacific, Southeast) Area 88 (Pacific, Antarctic)					
2.4	Supply Chain Transparency, Audit, Reporting and Purchase Requirements	<p>ISSF Participating Companies will be exempt from compliance with this measure until December 31, 2022, if they publish by January 31, 2020, and annually thereafter:</p> <p>(a) the percentage of their purchases (measured in round ton equivalents) for each of the following Fishery Source categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MSC-certified fisheries eligible to use the MSC label.</li> <li>2. Comprehensive FIPs<sup>2</sup> that are publicly listed and scoring A, B or C in their initial listing.</li> <li>3. Comprehensive FIPs that are publicly listed and scoring D or E.</li> <li>4. Fisheries that have entered full assessment for MSC certification but are not in a comprehensive FIP that is publicly listed.</li> <li>5. None of the above.</li> </ol> <p>(b) the percentage of their purchases (measured in round ton equivalents) for each of the following Supplier Source categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ISSF participating companies</li> <li>2. Data Check Companies</li> <li>3. Direct from vessels</li> <li>4. None of the above</li> </ol>	All	<p>Auditor reviews Participating Company's public website, as well evidence provided by the Company, to determine whether the percentage of their purchases for the audit year was reported for each of the Fishery Source and each of the Supplier Source categories.</p> <p>Auditor reviews FisheryProgress.org FIP listing for classification information (Comprehensive and scoring).</p> <p>Auditor will assess the reasonableness of the reported percentages on the basis of data provided by the Company, including source of product, a breakdown of round fish, loins and processed goods, and associated conversion factors used to estimate round fish equivalent. The auditor will also check that there is a statement of intent</p>	Ok	<p>Company has its statement posted at: <a href="https://qualitaresponsabile.it/sites/riomarequire/files/download/bolton_food_supply_chain_transparency_information_2021_4.pdf">https://qualitaresponsabile.it/sites/riomarequire/files/download/bolton_food_supply_chain_transparency_information_2021_4.pdf</a></p> <p>The statement has been updated to cover the current audit period, contains the categories required by this measure, and notes the company's intent to reduce sourcing from the 'none of the above' categories.</p> <p>Company stated it uses sourcing volumes of finished goods to estimate category percentages.</p> <p>Company provided sourcing data volumes and conversion factors to auditor, and indicated which ones originated from the various sourcing categories.</p> <p>Upon review of the available evidence, auditor finds company's declared sourcing percentages to be reasonable.</p>	

<sup>2</sup> ISSF Participating Companies that source from a fishery that had been in a publicly listed comprehensive FIP in the past 12 months, may continue to count this sourcing against their FIP percentage under 3(a)(2) and (3).



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		(c) a statement of intent to decrease purchases from the “none of the above” categories in 3(a) and (b) above.		published on the Company’s website as described in the guidance.			
3.1(a)	Shark-Finching Policy	Company establishes and publishes policy prohibiting shark finning <b>and requiring sharks be landed with fins naturally attached if retained.</b> <sup>3</sup>	All	Auditor reviews company website for published policy. In the event the company does not maintain a website, auditor obtains copy of policy from company point of contact. The company should also clarify how this policy is made public. Auditor reviews policy to determine if it requires sharks to be <b>landed with fins naturally attached if retained.</b>	Ok	Auditor reviewed company’s policy, which meets CM requirements: <a href="https://qualitaresponsabile.it/sites/riomarerequire/files/download/bolton_food_shark_finching_policy.pdf">https://qualitaresponsabile.it/sites/riomarerequire/files/download/bolton_food_shark_finching_policy.pdf</a>	
3.1(b)	Prohibition of Transactions with Shark-Finching Vessels	Refrain from transactions with vessels that have shark finned, and/or <b>do not land sharks with fins naturally attached if retained,</b> <sup>3</sup> within two years of the product purchase date (as found by RFMO or competent national authority).	All	Auditor reviews company system for ensuring no transactions with vessels that practice shark finning and/or <b>do not land all sharks with fins naturally attached if retained.</b>	Ok	Company does not directly conduct transactions with fishing vessels. Company provided statement that only frozen loins or canned products are purchased from other ISSF Participating Companies, and that company screens shipments to ensure none have originated from a vessel that has been cited for shark finning.  None of the selected vessels that are part of the traceability exercise have been associated with shark finning.	
3.1(c)	Prohibition of Transactions with	No transactions with companies that do not have a public policy	All	Auditor reviews company procedure for	Ok	Company provided a statement that they	

<sup>3</sup> This section of the measure becomes effective on 31 December 2022.

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	Companies without a Public Policy Prohibiting Shark Finning	prohibiting shark finning and requiring sharks be landed with fins naturally attached if retained. If transactions involve flag states that absolutely prohibit shark finning and require sharks be landed with fins naturally attached if retained, <sup>3</sup> no policy is required. If flag state allows 5% shark fin retention, and/or does not require that sharks be landed with fins naturally attached if retained, the company must have a public policy.		<p>ensuring that all tuna purchases have come from a company that has a public policy prohibiting shark finning and which requires that sharks be landed with fins naturally attached if retained. For flag states that do have an absolute shark finning prohibition and require that sharks be landed with fins naturally attached when retained, auditor will review all publicly available material to ensure no shark finning has taken place.</p> <p>Traceability exercises by transaction or can code to PVR vessels or proof of compliance verifies the system.</p>		<p>source all products from other ISSF Participating Companies.</p> <p>The company also indicated it conducted direct tuna transactions with two end product suppliers that were non-ISSF members, for which they sent shark finning policies.</p> <p>All of the vessels that are part of the traceability exercise have a policy in place prohibiting shark finning.</p>	
3.2	Large-Scale Pelagic Driftnets Prohibition	No transactions in vessels using large-scale pelagic driftnets, regardless of the geographic area in which the tunas were caught by such driftnets.	All	<p>Auditor reviews quarterly report by gear type and identifies any use of large-scale driftnets. This is done by first identifying vessels using gill nets, then following up on the size of the net. Maximum net size is 2.5 km.</p>	Ok	<p>Company does not directly conduct transactions with fishing vessels. The company provided a statement that only frozen loins or canned products are purchased from other ISSF Participating Companies.</p> <p>None of the selected vessels that are part of the traceability exercise have been associated with the use of driftnets or gill nets.</p>	
				<p>MRAG reviews RFMO compliance committee reports, as well as</p>	Ok	<p>The traceability exercise did not identify any vessels appearing in RFMO</p>	

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				Government reports (e.g., for those vessels that only operate within their EEZ), for any indication of vessels using large-scale pelagic driftnets.		compliance reports for having used large-scale pelagic driftnets.	
3.3	Full Retention of Tunas	All purse seine caught tuna (skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye) is retained onboard, except those unfit for human consumption as defined, or when in the final set of a trip, where there is insufficient well space to accommodate all fish caught in that set. If the vessel fishes in areas where full retention is mandatory, no further policy is needed. If RFMO does not require full retention, vessel must have documented and implemented policy in accordance with this conservation measure.	All Purse Seine	Auditor reviews whether the company sources tuna from vessels that practice full retention of tunas. Auditor checks PVR. For vessels not listed on the PVR, company provides evidence of vessel policy such as: agreement with observer provider to check tuna retention and RFMO or flag state requirement regarding full retention of tunas. RFMO compliance reports are reviewed to identify any vessels / trips that may not comply.	Ok	Company does not directly conduct transactions with fishing vessels. The company provided a statement that only frozen loins or canned products are purchased from other ISSF Participating Companies.  All selected PS vessels that are part of the traceability exercise retain their tuna as per PVR records and/or captain's statements.	
3.4	Skipper Best Practices	Unless exempt per Conservation Measure 8.1, skipper <sup>4</sup> has:  (a) Attended and in-person and/or online ISSF Skippers Workshop; or  (b) Attended an in-person Skippers Workshop provided by a purse seine tuna FIP and conducted by a trainer that has been accredited by ISSF to conduct these workshops; or	All Purse Seine	Auditor reviews whether the company has purchased tuna only from vessels with skippers that have completed one of the four ISSF best practices education formats.  Auditor checks PVR and ISSF list of individuals who have: (i) Attended Skippers Workshops (in-person or virtual)	Ok	Company does not directly conduct transactions with fishing vessels. The company provided a statement that only frozen loins or canned products are purchased from other ISSF Participating Companies.  The company indicated that they have a Due Diligence system in place to ensure all products are	

<sup>4</sup> The intent of this conservation measure is that the person or persons trained are those in leadership roles onboard the vessel directing the fishing operations.

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		<p>(c) Viewed the ISSF Skippers Workshop video online; or</p> <p>(d) Reviewed the online ISSF Skippers Guidebook.</p>		<p>(ii) Certified that they read the online Skippers Guidebook; or viewed the online Skippers Workshop video.</p> <p>PC may also provide evidence of skipper workshop completion or review of the ISSF guidebook/video, including list of skippers, method of review and dates of completion.</p>		<p>coming from vessels registered on the PVR and in good standing for this CM.</p> <p>All skippers of the selected PS vessels that are part of the traceability exercise read the ISSF guidebook as per PVR records.</p>	
3.5	Transactions with Vessels that use Only Non-Entangling FADs	<p>Processors, traders, importers, transporters, marketers and others involved in the seafood industry shall conduct transactions only with those purse seine vessels whose owners have a public policy regarding the use of only non-entangling (NE) FADs. The policy should refer to the <a href="#">ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs</a> and shall apply to all new FAD deployments, regardless of the type of vessel that deploys the FADs.</p> <p>For the purposes of this measure a policy is “public” if it is published on the company’s website or is otherwise available to the general public.</p> <p>For purposes of this measure, NE FADs should meet the minimum specifications in the <a href="#">ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs</a>. Vessel owners shall not deploy FADs that meet the description of "highest entanglement" contained in the ISSF Guide.</p> <p>If RFMO/flag state where</p>	All Purse Seine and Support Vessels	Auditor reviews evidence showing that the company conducts transactions only with purse seine vessels that have a public policy regarding the use of only non-entangling FADs. Auditor reviews whether RFMO/flag state or fleet association has an in-effect mandatory requirement for NE FADs, which equals or surpasses ISSF guidelines for NE FADs.	Ok	<p>Company does not directly conduct transactions with fishing vessels. The company provided a statement that only frozen loins or canned products are purchased from other ISSF Participating Companies.</p> <p>The company indicated that they have a Due Diligence system in place to ensure all products are coming from vessels registered on the PVR and in good standing for this CM.</p> <p>All selected suppliers that are part of the traceability exercise have a Non-Entangling FAD policy in place as per PVR records.</p>	

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		<p>vessel(s) operate has an in-effect mandatory requirement for NE FADs, which equals or surpasses the <a href="#">ISSF guidelines for NE FADs</a>, then vessel owner is not required to have an individual public policy.</p> <p>If the vessel is a member of a fleet association that has a public policy on NE FADs, which equals or surpasses the <a href="#">ISSF guidelines for NE FADs</a>, the individual vessel must have a policy implementing the fleet association policy.</p>					
3.6	Transactions with Vessels Implementing Best Practices for Sharks, Sea Turtles and Seabirds. <sup>5</sup>	<p>Processors, traders, importers, marketers and others involved in the seafood industry shall conduct transactions only with those longline vessels whose owners have a policy requiring the implementation of Best Practices for sharks, sea turtles and seabirds.</p> <p>For the purposes of this measure, a large-scale longline vessel is defined as a vessel that is equal to or greater than 20m length overall (LOA).</p>	Large-Scale Longline	<p>Auditor reviews evidence showing that the company conducts transactions only with large-scale longline vessels that have a policy requiring the implementation of the following best practices for sharks, sea turtles, and seabirds:</p> <p>(a) the use of circle hooks and only monofilament line;</p> <p>(b) the use of whole finfish bait;<sup>5</sup></p> <p>(c) the implementation by the crew of best practice handling techniques for sharks, seabirds and marine turtles, such as those outlined in the ISSF Skippers' Guidebook to Longline Fishing Practices; and</p>	N/A	<p>The company provided a statement that it does not source from longline vessels.</p> <p>No large longline vessels identified in the traceability exercise.</p>	

<sup>5</sup> This section of the measure becomes effective on 31 December 2022.

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				(d) No use of “shark lines” at any time. <sup>6</sup>  Auditor reviews date on which policy was put in effect.			
3.7	Transactions with Vessels or Companies with Vessel-Based FAD Management Policies	<p>1. Processors, traders, importers, transporters, marketers and others involved in the seafood industry shall conduct transactions only with those purse seine vessels whose owners develop and make public FAD Management Policies that include the activities purse seine and supply vessels are undertaking (if any) on the following elements:</p> <p>(a) Comply with flag state and RFMO reporting requirements for fisheries statistics by set type;</p> <p>(b) Voluntarily report additional FAD buoy data for use by RFMO science bodies;</p> <p>(c) Support science-based limits on the overall number of FADs used per vessel and/or FAD sets made;</p> <p>(d) Use only non-entangling FADs to reduce ghost fishing;</p> <p>(e) Mitigate other environmental impacts due to FAD loss including through the use of biodegradable FADs and FAD recovery policies;</p> <p>(f) For silky sharks (the main bycatch issue in FAD sets) implement further mitigation efforts.</p> <p>2. In developing a FAD Management Policy, purse seine</p>	Purse Seine and Supply Vessels	<p>Auditor reviews purse seine and supply &amp; tender FAD Management Policies (FMPs) and notes which elements of 1(a) – (f) are covered.</p> <p>Auditor reviews FMPs to determine whether they make mention, or have been designed on the basis, of ISSF Technical Paper 2019-11.</p> <p>By 1 January 2023, auditor reviews whether FMPs include a statement that purse seine vessels and supply vessels covered by the policy are participating in trials of bio-degradable FAD designs and/or FAD recovery programs that include the participation of the relevant RFMO science bodies and/or coastal States, national scientists, and/or ISSF scientists.</p> <p>By 1 January 2024, auditor reviews whether FMPs include a</p>	Ok	All purse seine and supply vessels identified during the traceability exercise are registered on the PVR and in good standing for this measure.	

<sup>6</sup> For the purposes of this measure, shark lines are those defined as follows: <http://issfguidebooks.squarespace.com/s/Shark-Lines-Illustration.pdf>

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		<p>vessels and purse seine vessel owning companies should refer to ISSF Technical Paper 2019-11 (or any subsequent revision) in designing the activities for each element.</p> <p>3. With respect to the element on mitigating other environmental impacts due to FAD loss (item e above), by 1 January 2023, public FAD Management Policies developed under this measure shall include a statement that purse seine vessels and supply vessels covered by the policy are participating in trials of biodegradable FAD designs and/or FAD recovery programs that include the participation of the relevant RFMO science bodies and/or coastal States, national scientists, and/or ISSF scientists to monitor experimental designs.</p> <p>4. With respect to the element on the use of only non-entangling FADs (item d above), by 1 January 2024, public FAD management Policies developed under this measure shall include a statement that purse seine vessels and supply vessels covered by the policy will from this date only use and deploy fully non-entangling FADs without any netting in any components, including both the raft and the tail.</p> <p>ISSF CM 3.5 is repealed and replaced by this measure as of 1 January 2024.</p>		<p>statement that purse seine vessels and supply vessels covered by the policy will use and deploy only non-entangling FADs without any netting in any components, including both the raft and the tail.</p>			
4.1	Unique Vessel Identifiers - IMO	All purchases must be from vessels with an IMO UVI number,	All	Auditor reviews company system to	Ok	Company does not directly conduct transactions with	

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		<p>unless ineligible due to IMO requirements or due to other reasons stated by IMO.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The IHS Maritime &amp; Trade (IHSM&amp;T), which manages IMO identification numbers, has <a href="#">expanded the range of vessels</a> that are potentially eligible to obtain an IMO number to include small-scale vessels of less than 100 GT down to a size limit of 12 meters in length overall (LOA) that are authorized to fish outside waters under national jurisdiction. Vessels that are now eligible to obtain an IMO UVI number under this change must apply for and/or have received an IMO number by December 31, 2017.</p> <p>Vessels that fish only in waters under national jurisdiction, and that provide a national certificate of operation, will be considered compliant under this section.</p>		<p>ensure vessel purchases meet this criterion. A sample of non-PVR purchases will be reviewed to assess whether the company system is adequate to ensure that non-PVR vessels meet this requirement.</p>		<p>fishing vessels. The company provided a statement that only frozen loins or canned products are purchased from other ISSF Participating Companies.</p> <p>All purchases that are part of the traceability exercise are from vessels that have an IMO number (if they qualified for one) or that are exempt due to size and/or because they only operate in their national waters.</p>	
4.2	Purse Seine Unique Vessel Identifiers	<p>If IMO requirements do not provide for a particular vessel to receive an IMO UVI for reasons other than vessel size, the vessel shall obtain a TUVI from the Consolidated List of Authorized Vessels (CLAV) CLAV: <a href="http://www.tuna.org/GlobalTVR.htm">http://www.tuna.org/GlobalTVR.htm</a> or a UVI from ISSF: <a href="http://iss-foundation.org/wpcontent/uploads/downloads/2015/02/UVI-and-IMO-numbering-instructions-2015.pdf">http://iss-foundation.org/wpcontent/uploads/downloads/2015/02/UVI-and-IMO-numbering-instructions-2015.pdf</a>.</p> <p>If IMO requirements do not provide for a vessel to receive an IMO UVI due to vessel size, such</p>	All Purse Seine	<p>Auditor reviews company method to ensure that all vessel purchases meet this criterion. A sample of non-PVR purchases will be reviewed to assess whether the company system is adequate to ensure that non-PVR vessels also meet this requirement.</p>	Ok	<p>Company does not directly conduct transactions with fishing vessels. The company provided a statement that only frozen loins or canned products are purchased from other ISSF Participating Companies.</p> <p>The traceability exercises showed that finished goods company sourced from its suppliers came from PS vessels with either a valid IMO or UVI number.</p>	



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		vessels do not need to obtain a TUVI from the CLAV or a UVI from ISSF.					
4.3(a)	Observer Coverage	Evidence of 100% observer coverage (human or electronic) unless exempt or prevented by force majeure. The data collected by the observer must be made available to the flag state authorities and, if appropriate, to the RFMO, in the format required by the flag state (and RFMO). In case the flag state (or RFMO) does not accept the data, the vessel owner must store data for at least three years from the end of the trip. At a minimum, data to be made available are those fields required by the flag state for vessel logbooks.	Large Purse Seine	Auditor assesses company system for observer coverage of controlled vessels, company data submission to RFMOs and RFMO committee meetings and compliance reports, etc. If RFMO requires 100% observer coverage, no further evidence is required.	Ok	<p>Company does not directly conduct transactions with fishing vessels. The company provided a statement that only frozen loins or canned products are purchased from other ISSF Participating Companies.</p> <p>Large-scale purse seine vessels identified through the traceability exercise were registered on the PVR and in good standing for this measure.</p>	
4.4(a)	Transshipments	No transactions in tuna where transportation included transshipment, except when exempt per Conservation Measure 4.4 (b)(i) or Conservation Measure 8.1.	All Purse Seine	Auditor reviews data submission for relevant RFMO, transshipment documents and RFMO compliance committee and commission reports to verify that tuna purchased has not undergone unauthorized transshipment.	Ok	No unauthorized transshipments at sea were recorded during the traceability exercise.	
4.4(c)	Transshipment at Sea – Observer Coverage	Processors, traders, importers, marketers and others involved in the seafood industry shall conduct transactions with longline vessels that conduct transshipments at sea, whether high seas, EEZ, territorial seas or archipelagic waters, only if 100% of such transshipments are observed (either by a human observer on board the longline vessel or onboard the carrier	Large-Scale Longline	Auditor assesses participating company system to determine observer coverage on large-scale longline, and/or transshipment, vessels they source from. Company shall maintain record(s) of RFMO transshipment declarations, which	N/A	<p>The company provided a statement that it does not source from longline vessels.</p> <p>No transshipments at sea were recorded during the traceability exercise.</p>	

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		<p>vessel).</p> <p>Note: The WCPFC E-reporting system allows transshipment declarations (TDs) to be filed without the observer's signature. In such cases, company should obtain a copy of the observer contract, the crew list (signed and dated by the skipper), or some other evidence of 100% observer coverage for the period during which TDs were submitted using the E-reporting system.</p> <p>For the purposes of this measure, a large-scale` longline vessel is defined as a vessel that is equal to or greater than 20m length overall (LOA).</p>		<p>must be signed by the observer present during transshipment.</p> <p>If vessel uses the WCPFC E-reporting system for a TD, auditor asks company to provide a copy of the observer contract, the vessel crew list or other evidence for that vessel.</p>			
5.1	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing	No transactions with vessels on any tuna RFMO IUU vessel list.	All	<p>Auditor checks quarterly data sent by the company to the RFMO for the presence of IUU listed vessels.</p>	Ok	<p>Company does not directly conduct transactions with fishing vessels. The company provided a statement that only frozen loins or canned products are purchased from other ISSF Participating Companies.</p> <p>No IUU listed vessels were found during the traceability exercise.</p>	
				<p>The auditor reviews the company purchasing system to prevent IUU fish. This will also be assessed during traceability exercises to verify that products do not originate from IUU vessels and by reviewing compliance committee reports, commission reports, etc.</p>	Ok	<p>Company has a system in place to ensure all suppliers comply with ISSF CMs, which includes not using any vessels found on RFMO IUU lists.</p> <p>No IUU listed vessels were found in RFMO compliance reports during the traceability exercise.</p>	

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5.2	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Product Response	No IUU purchases. If IUU found, company must withdraw these products from the marketplace.	All	Auditor reviews company recall procedure for presence of IUU policy, then reviews company purchases and compares to RFMO IUU lists.	Ok	Company provided copy of its recall procedure to withdraw products from the marketplace if IUU is identified.	
				Company initiates market withdrawal of IUU products.	Ok	No IUU product was found in supply chain during audit period, so no market withdrawal had to be initiated.	
6.1	Transaction Ban for Large-Scale Purse-Seine Vessels not Actively Fishing for Tuna as of December 31, 2012	Demonstrate that all purchases from large-scale purse seine vessels are from vessels actively fishing for tuna as of December 31, 2012 and listed on the ISSF Record of Large-Scale Purse Seine Vessels (Record). If a vessel is not listed on the Record, the company shall provide evidence of the vessel attributes in accordance with Conservation Measure 6.2 (a). Any updates to the Record must be made in accordance with 6.2(a).	Large Purse Seine	Auditor reviews a list of company purchases from large-scale purse seine vessels to assess whether the source vessels are listed on the ISSF Record of Large-Scale Purse Seine Vessels.	Ok	Company does not directly source from LSPS vessels but has a system in place to check that its suppliers only provide finished goods from fish caught by LSPS vessels registered on the ISSF Record.  All LSPS vessels identified during the traceability exercises were registered on ISSF Record of Large-Scale Purse Seine Vessels (Record).	
6.2(e)	Purchases from Purse Seine Vessels in Fleets with Other Vessels not in Compliance with ISSF Conservation Measures 6.1 and 6.2(a)	Processors, traders, importers, transporters, marketers and others involved in the seafood industry shall refrain from transactions in skipjack, bigeye and yellowfin tuna caught by any and all large-scale purse seine vessels owned by business organizations or individuals that also own large-scale purse seine vessels not in compliance with ISSF Conservation Measures 6.1 and 6.2(a).	Large Purse Seine	Vessel representative will be asked to provide a complete list of all owned large-scale purse seine vessels, including IMO numbers.  Auditor reviews list of owned vessels and compares it to the PVR record. Auditor may review RFMO records, and other publicly available sources of	Ok	Company does not directly source from LSPS vessels but has a system in place to ensure its suppliers do not provide finished goods from LSPS vessels that are part of fleets with other LSPS vessels not in compliance with CMs 6.1 and 6,2(a).  All LSPS vessels identified during the traceability exercises were part of	

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		<p>For the purposes of this measure, “owned” means a registered or controlling (majority) interest in the vessels:</p> <p>(1) directly or indirectly (through intermediary entities) by any business organization or its affiliated business organizations, including commonly controlled organizations, or</p> <p>(2) directly or indirectly by any individuals, including individual ownership of any equity or investment interest in whatever form of any business organization operating, managing, controlling or receiving revenues from a vessel. Individuals shall include any natural person and his or her family members (including spouse, domestic partner, child, sibling, parent or grandparent, whether natural, adopted or by marriage).</p>		information, to cross-reference ownership declarations.		fleets where all LSPS vessels are in compliance with CMs 6.1 and 6.2(a).	
7.1(a)	Registration of Controlled Vessels	Register all controlled purse seine and supply & tender vessels on the PVR.	All Purse Seine	Auditor will obtain list of controlled vessels from company and compare to PVR. Information may also come from industry and media sources.	N/A	The company provided a statement that it no longer directly controls any purse seine vessels. Rather these are reported under Garavilla and Tri Marine.	
7.1(b)	Registration of Controlled Vessels	Register all controlled longline vessels on the PVR.	All Longline	Auditor will obtain list of controlled vessels from company and compare to PVR. Information may also come from industry and media sources.	N/A	The company provided a written statement that it does not control any longline vessels.	
7.2	Threshold Requirement for PVR Listing	Obtain written verification that all supplier purse seine vessels owned by the same business	Large Purse Seine	Auditor reviews the efficacy of the verification process	Ok	Company screens all sourcing that originates from large-scale purse	

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		<p>organization meet the requirements of CM 7.2.</p> <p>For the purposes of this measure, “owned” means a registered or controlling (majority) interest in the vessel(s).</p>		<p>used by PCs.</p> <p>Auditor reviews publicly available information on the ownership of vessels.</p>		<p>seine vessels, to ensure those are listed on the PVR and part of fleets where other LSPS vessels are also registered on the PVR.</p> <p>Company does not directly source from LSPS vessels but has a system in place to ensure finished goods sourced from its suppliers originate from LSPS vessels registered on the PVR, and (if appropriate) part of fleets were all LSPS vessels are registered on the PVR.</p> <p>LSPS vessels identified during the traceability exercises were registered on the PVR and part of fleets were all LSPS vessels were registered on PVR.</p>	
7.3	Purchases from PVR Vessels	For fishing trips beginning on or after January 1, 2016, source 100% of skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna caught by large-scale purse seine vessels from vessels registered in the PVR.	Large Purse Seine	Auditor isolates skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna caught by large-scale purse seiners within the quarterly RFMO data submission and compares trip dates and purchase data to PVR listing dates. Supporting documentation may be requested to verify the accuracy of trip dates.	Ok	All LSPS vessels identified during the traceability exercises were registered on the PVR.	
7.4	Supply and Tender Vessels	1. Processors, traders, importers, transporters, marketers and others involved in the seafood industry, for skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna with controlled supply or tender vessels that	All Purse Seine	Auditor asks participating company for list of supply and tender vessels and checks whether vessels are listed on the PVR.	N/A	<p>The company submitted a statement that they do not control any supply and tender vessels.</p> <p>No supply and tender</p>	

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		<p>operate with purse seine vessels fishing for skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna, shall:</p> <p>(a) register all such vessels on the ISSF ProActive Vessel Register (PVR) and thereafter maintain such registration indefinitely;</p> <p>(b) ensure all such vessels are listed on the authorized vessel record of any of the RFMO governing the ocean area in which the tuna was caught;</p> <p>(c) ensure all such vessels have an IMO unique vessel identifier; and</p> <p>(d) ensure all such vessels are not listed on the IUU Vessel List of any RFMO.</p> <p>2.For the purposes of this measure, controlled vessels include vessels as defined in ISSF CM 7.1.</p> <p>3.When registering all controlled supply or tender vessels on the PVR, in addition to the vessel attribute data already required as part of the PVR listing application, the vessel owner must provide the vessel names and flags of all the purse seine vessels that the listed supply or tender vessels support, to the maximum extent possible.</p> <p>4.For purposes of this measure, supply and tender vessels are any vessel used, or intended for use, for the purpose of fishing or the transport of fishery products.</p>		<p>Auditor verifies vessel attribute data, IMO number, RFMO registration, ownership, and whether vessel(s) appear on RFMO IUU lists.</p> <p>Auditor reviews list of PS vessels linked to each supply &amp; tender vessel. PS vessel list must include vessel names and flags.</p>		vessels were recorded in the traceability exercise.	
7.5	Purchases from PVR Vessels	If purchasing albacore, yellowfin and bigeye tuna from longline vessels, processors, traders, importers, transporters,	Longline	If PC purchases albacore, yellowfin or bigeye tuna from longline vessels, auditor checks for public PC	N/A	The company provided a statement that it does not source from longline vessels.	

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		<p>marketers and others involved in the seafood industry shall:</p> <p>Develop and make public by December 31, 2019, a statement of intent to increase purchases from longline vessels registered on the PVR.</p> <p>Publish the percentage of their longline purchases from PVR registered longline vessels by March 31, 2020, or indicate no such purchases made.</p>		<p>statement of intent to increase purchases from longline vessels registered on the PVR</p> <p>Auditor checks for published PC statement(s) regarding the percentage of tuna sourced from PVR registered longline vessels. Auditor verifies the stated percentage against volumes reported in the quarterly RFMO reports.</p> <p>Or, if no purchases of albacore, yellowfin or bigeye tuna are made from PVR longline vessels, auditor checks for PC statement indicating that no purchase was made from PVR registered longline vessels and cross-checks with quarterly RFMO reports.</p>		No longline vessels identified during the traceability exercises.	
8.1	Exemption for Very Small Purse Seine Vessels	Very small purse seine vessels are exempted from the following ISSF Conservation Measures: 3.4 Skipper Best Practices 4.4(a) Transshipment	Very Small Purse Seine	The company can demonstrate that the vessel is less than 30 GT by providing fishing licenses, vessel surveys, photos, etc.	N/A	<p>Company stated it did not source directly from any very small PS vessels.</p> <p>No very small purse seine vessels identified during the traceability exercises.</p>	
9.1	Public Policy on Social and Labor Standards	Processors, traders, importers, transporters, marketers and others involved in the seafood industry shall develop and publish a public social and labor standards policy and/or sourcing policy that applies to it and its	All	Auditor determines when public policy(ies) was published, and whether Company has used a format developed by, or signed onto, one of the policies	Ok	Company provided link to its social policy, which applies to it and its suppliers, and contains elements a-f of this measure:	

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		<p>supply chain, including production facilities and fishing and supply vessels, that addresses, at a minimum, the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Forced labor</li> <li>b. Child labor</li> <li>c. Freedom of association</li> <li>d. Wages, benefits, and employment contracts</li> <li>e. Working hours</li> <li>f. Health and safety</li> <li>g. Discrimination, harassment, and abuse</li> <li>h. Grievance mechanisms</li> </ul> <p>For the purposes of this measure a policy is “public” if it is published on the company’s website or is otherwise available to the general public.</p>		<p>described in the ISSF matrix.</p> <p>Auditor reviews policy(ies) and determines whether it applies to production facilities, supplier vessels, or both.</p> <p>Auditor determines if each public policy contains elements a-f noted under category guidance.</p> <p><i>This measure is effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021, onward.</i></p>		<p><a href="https://qualitaresponsabile.it/sites/riomarequire/files/download/bolton_food_compliance_with_issf_public_policy_on_social_and_labor_standards.pdf">https://qualitaresponsabile.it/sites/riomarequire/files/download/bolton_food_compliance_with_issf_public_policy_on_social_and_labor_standards.pdf</a></p>	

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