

Update to ISSF Conservation Measures & Commitments Compliance Report

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Overview

The following report details the progress being made by ISSF participating companies in achieving full compliance with all ISSF Conservation Measures and Commitments in force in 2021.

This report updates the [ISSF Annual Conservation Measures & Commitments Compliance Report](#) published in April 2022 and reflects efforts by ISSF participating companies to improve on those instances where less than full compliance was achieved. Remedial audits were conducted between March and August 2022 against measures for companies with minor nonconformance or major nonconformance. Improvements in an individual company's compliance have been reviewed and documented by the third-party independent auditor and are included in an updated compliance status report for that company, [available on the ISSF website](#).




Per the [ISSF Strategic Plan](#):

- ISSF tracks adherence by ISSF participating companies with all ISSF conservation measures.
- ISSF publicly reports on ISSF participating company compliance on at least an annual basis.
- Verification of ISSF participating company compliance will be conducted by external, non-ISSF resources.
- Where less than full compliance is achieved, corrective action will be required as described in the [ISSA Compliance Policy](#).

Audit Process¹

ISSF engaged MRAG Americas to conduct an audit of the performance of the participating companies against the conservation measures and commitments in force in 2021. MRAG developed the following categories of conformance that provide interested stakeholders with an explanation of conformance by individual measure:²

CATEGORIES OF COMPLIANCE

 Conformance	Company can provide evidence of full compliance.
 Minor Non-Conformance	Company does not fully comply with a particular conservation measure or commitment, but this does not compromise the integrity of ISSF initiatives. <i>Example: Participating Company submitted RFMO data beyond the stated deadline.</i>
 Major Non-Conformance	Company does not comply with a particular conservation measure or commitment, and this compromises the integrity of ISSF initiatives. <i>Example: Participating Company did not submit RFMO data.</i>

1 COVID-19 Pandemic Impact on Audit Process: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MRAG Americas issued a [Notice to the ISSF Participating Companies and Vessels listed on the ProActive Vessel Register: Audit Protocol Override due to COVID-19](#) in March 2020. MRAG determined that no modifications to the audit process due to COVID-19 disruptions were necessary.

2 The auditors may also make a finding of "Observation" with regard to a particular conservation measure when a Participating Company is in conformance with that measure, but there is a high risk that a non-conformance could occur inadvertently without implementing preventive action. In addition, in some circumstances where a particular conservation measure is not applicable to a Participating Company, the audit report will contain an "N/A" finding. Both of these findings are considered to be a Conformance as described above for reporting purposes. The results included in this document are based on the independent, third-party audit of data provided directly to the auditor by ISSF participating companies, conducted in accordance with the established Audit Protocols and the ISSA Compliance Policy, and show the status of compliance as of October 2022.

Tracking Continuous Improvement

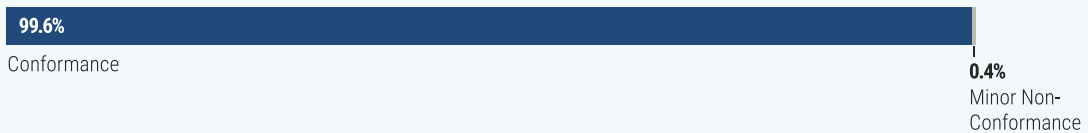
This report details the level of compliance with each conservation measure or commitment and presents aggregate compliance by individual company. A summary view of each company's compliance status as of 2022 is presented here, and each company's full compliance audit results as reported by MRAG are [available on the ISSF website](#).

Aggregate Company Compliance Performance

MRAG's audit for the reporting period showed:

- **22 companies** were in **CONFORMANCE** with all 32 measures in effect during the reporting period.
- **3 companies** had one **MINOR NON-CONFORMANCE**.

AUDIT RESULTS as Reported November 2022, Updated Results All companies; across all measures

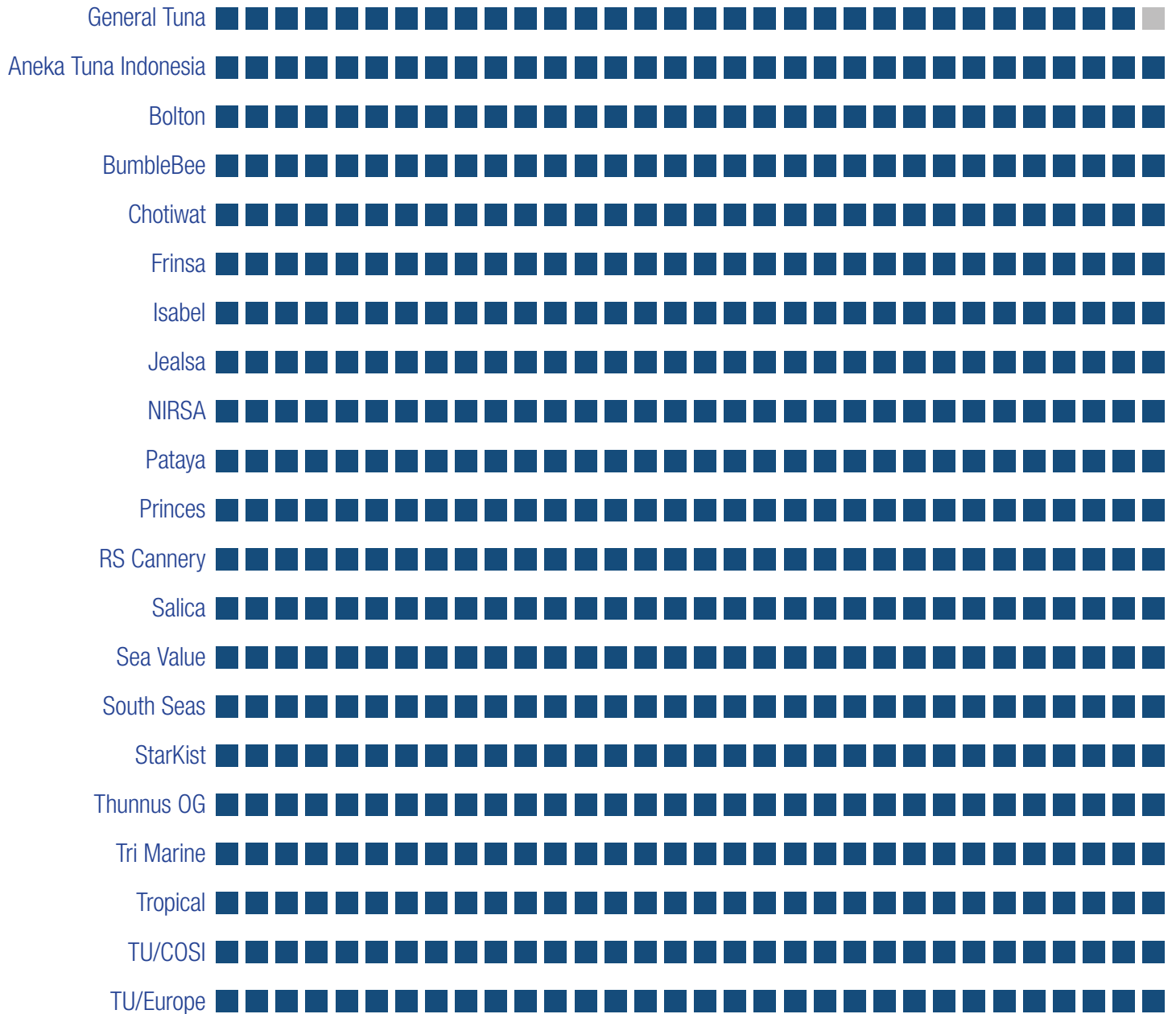


22 of 25 Companies Fully Compliant, All Measures

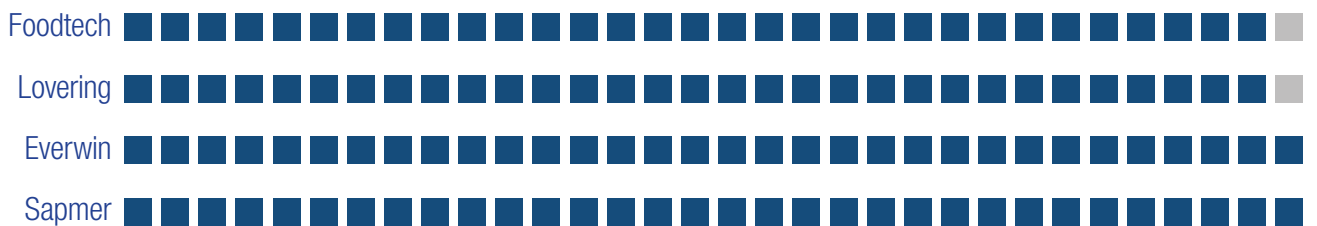
Following the remediation period, 22 companies were fully compliant with all 32 measures audited, and that number does not differ from the April 2022 report, which showed that two companies had one minor non-conformance and another company had one major non-conformance. During the November 2022 update report's audit period, the one major non-conformance was remediated to a minor non-conformance.

*Companies are listed in order of level of compliance, and then alphabetically.

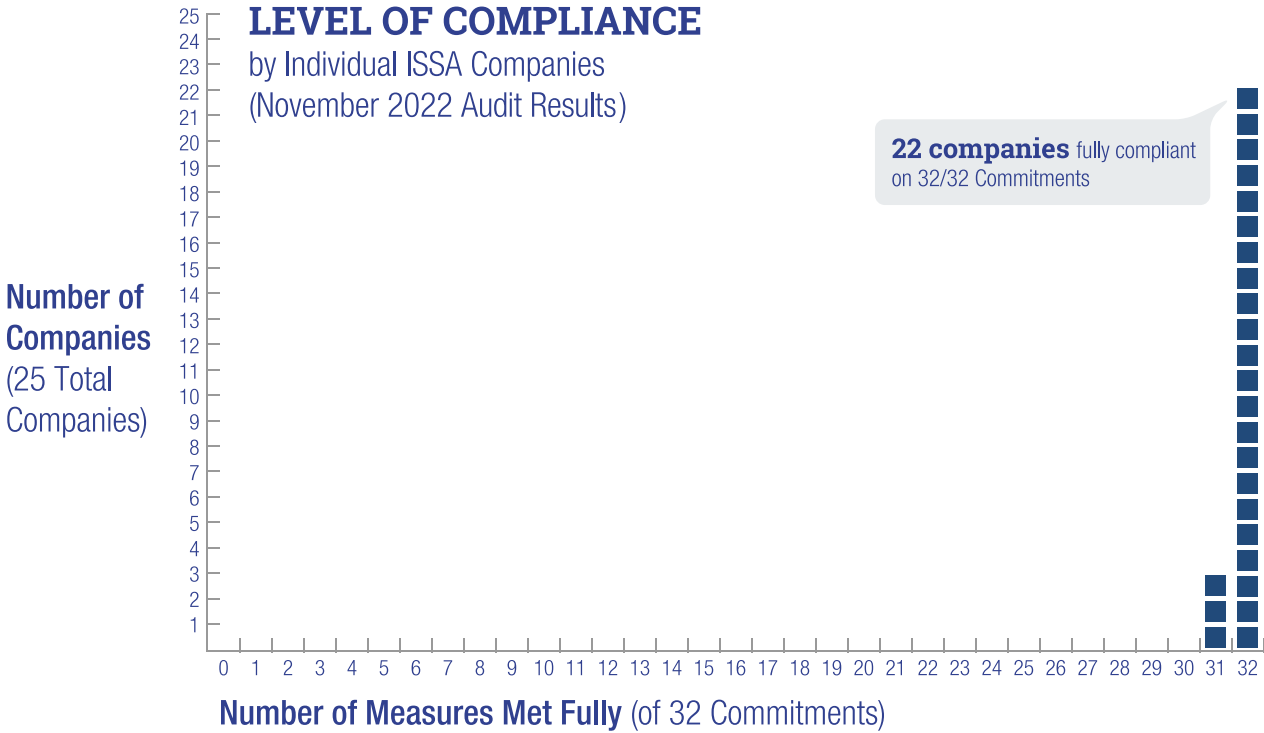
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Associate Members

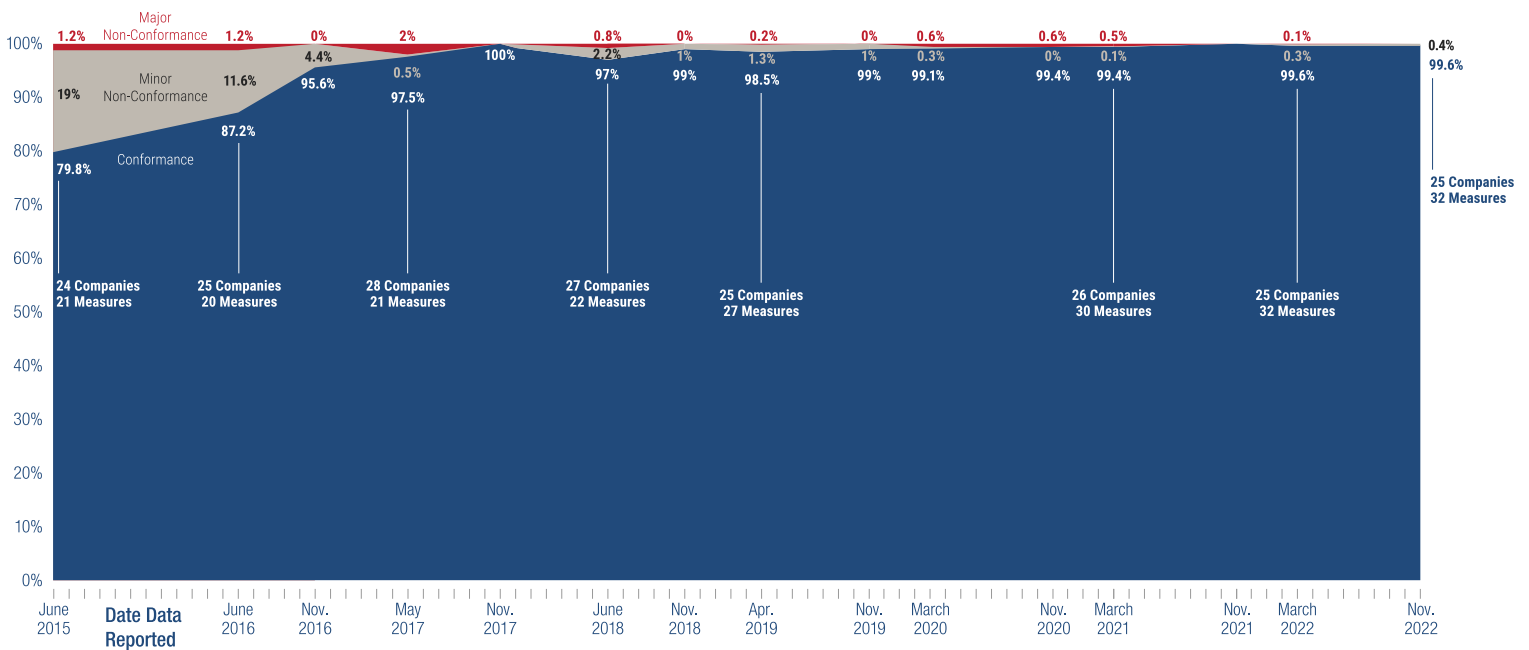


LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE by Individual ISSA Companies – Nov. 2022, Updated Audit Results



For updates on individual companies' compliance status, including remediation of any non-conformances that may be noted in this annual report, visit our [audit reports page](#).












CHANGE OVER TIME IN AGGREGATE COMPLIANCE (ALL COMPANIES) – Nov. 2022, Updated Audit Results











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ISSF PARTICIPATING COMPANY COMPLIANCE BY CONSERVATION MEASURE* (25 COMPANIES)

*November 2022, Updated Audit Results / Full text of each [conservation measure](#) is on the ISSF website.

	1.1 RFMO Authorized Vessel Record	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.	Fully compliant: 25
	1.2 RFMO Participation	All purchases must be from vessels flagged to a member or cooperating non-member of RFMO relevant to fishing area.	Fully compliant: 25
	2.1 Product Traceability	Participating company must demonstrate ability to trace products from can code or sales invoice to vessel and trip.	Fully compliant: 25
	2.2 Quarterly Data Submission to RFMO	Send information as described in the measure to RFMO scientific bodies for each quarter by the last day of the following calendar quarter.	Fully compliant: 25
	2.3 Product Labeling by Species and Ocean of Capture	On all product labeling, or through a publicly available web-based system by product, for all branded tuna products: 1. Identify the species of tuna contained in the product. 2. Identify the ocean of capture for the tuna contained in the product.	Fully compliant: 24 Minor non-conformance: 1
	2.4 Supply Chain Transparency, Audit, Reporting & Purchasing Requirements	All tuna is purchased from ISSF Participating Companies or Data Check Companies ; or company publishes fishery source or supplier source categories.	Fully compliant: 25
	3.1 (a) Shark Finning Policy	Company establishes and publishes policy prohibiting shark finning.	Fully compliant: 25
	3.1 (b) Prohibition of Transactions with Shark Finning Vessels	Refrain from transactions with vessels that have shark finned within two years of the product purchase date (as found by RFMO or competent national authority).	Fully compliant: 25
	3.1 (c) Prohibition of Transactions with Companies without a Public Policy	No transactions with companies that do not have a public policy prohibiting shark finning.	Fully compliant: 25
	3.2 Large-Scale Pelagic Driftnets	No transactions with vessels using large-scale pelagic driftnets.	Fully compliant: 25
	3.3 Full Retention of Tunas	All purse seine caught tuna (skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye) retained onboard, except those unfit for human consumption as defined, or when in the final set of a trip, there is insufficient well space to accommodate all fish caught in that set.	Fully compliant: 25

	3.4 Skipper Best Practices	Unless exempt per Conservation Measure 8.1, skipper has attended an ISSF Skippers Workshop in person, has viewed the Skippers Workshop video online, or has reviewed the Skippers Guidebook.	Fully compliant: 25
	3.5 Transactions with Vessels that Use Only Non-entangling FADs	Transactions only with purse seine vessels that have a public policy requiring the use of only non-entangling FADs, which meet the minimum specifications in the ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs . Vessel owners shall not deploy “highest entanglement” FADs as described in the ISSF Guide.	Fully compliant: 25
	3.6 Transactions with Vessels Implementing Best Practices for Sharks, Sea Turtles and Seabirds	Transactions only with those longline vessels whose owners have a policy requiring the implementation of best practices for sharks, marine turtles and seabirds.	Fully compliant: 25
	NEW during this audit period 3.7 Vessel Based FAD Management Policy	Transactions only with large scale purse seine and supply & tender vessels with public FAD Management Policies that include activities vessels are undertaking on the following: a. Comply with flag state and RFMO reporting requirements for fisheries statistics by set type b. Voluntarily report additional FAD buoy data for use by RFMO science bodies c. Support science-based limits on overall number of FADs used per vessel and/or FAD sets made d. Use only non-entangling FADs to reduce ghost fishing e. Mitigate other environmental impacts due to FAD loss including through use of biodegradable FADs and FAD recovery policies f. For silky sharks, implement further mitigation efforts	Fully compliant: 25
	4.1 Unique Vessel Identifiers – IMO	All purchases must be from vessels with an IMO UVI number if the vessel is capable of being registered by IMO.	Fully compliant: 25
	4.2 Purse Seine Unique Vessel Identifiers	All purse seine vessels with which the company transacts in tuna, and which are not able to receive an IMO UVI number, must have a TUVI issued by CLAV or ISSF.	Fully compliant: 24 Minor non-conformance: 1
	4.3 (a) Observer Coverage	Evidence of 100% observer coverage (human or electronic) on large-scale purse seine vessels unless exempt or prevented by force majeure.	Fully compliant: 25
	4.4 (a) Transshipment (Purse Seine)	No transactions in tuna where transportation included transshipment, except when exempt.	Fully compliant: 24 Minor non-conformance: 1

	4.4 (c) Transshipment at Sea – Observer Coverage (Large-scale Longline)	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.	Fully compliant: 25
	5.1 IUU Fishing	No transactions with vessels on any tuna RFMO IUU vessel list.	Fully compliant: 25
	5.2 IUU Product Response	No IUU purchases. If IUU is found, company must withdraw these products from the marketplace.	Fully compliant: 25
	6.1 Transaction Ban for Large Scale PS Vessels Not Actively Fishing for Tuna as of 12/31/2012	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.	Fully compliant: 25
	6.2 (e) Requirements for Inclusion in ISSF Record of Large Scale PS Vessels	Demonstrate that purchases are from large-scale purse seine vessels that meet the requirements for inclusion on the ISSF Record.	Fully compliant: 25
	7.1 (a) Registration of Controlled Vessels (Purse Seine and Supply & Tender)	Register all controlled purse seine and supply & tender vessels on the PVR.	Fully compliant: 25
	7.1 (b) Registration of Controlled Vessels (Longline)	Register all controlled longline vessels on the PVR.	Fully compliant: 25
	7.2 Threshold Requirement for PVR Listing	All large-scale purse seine vessels owned by the same business organization shall be in demonstrated compliance with, or otherwise exempted from, Section 6 – Capacity.	Fully compliant: 25
	7.3 Purchases from PVR Vessels (Purse Seine)	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.	Fully compliant: 25
	7.4 Supply and Tender Vessels	For controlled supply or tender vessels that operate with purse seine vessels: (a) register all vessels on the PVR and maintain registration indefinitely; (b) ensure all are listed on the authorized vessel record of any RFMO governing the ocean area in which the tuna was caught; (c) ensure all have an IMO unique vessel identifier; and (d) ensure all are not listed on the IUU Vessel List of any RFMO.	Fully compliant: 25
	7.5 Purchases from PVR Vessels (Longline)	Register all controlled longline vessels on the PVR.	Fully compliant: 25



8.1 Exemption for Very Small PS Vessels

Very small purse seine vessels (less than 30 GT) are exempted from the following ISSF Conservation Measures: **Fully compliant: 25**
3.4 Skipper Best Practices, 4.4(a) Transshipment



NEW during this audit period
9.1 Public Policy on Social and Labor Standards

Publish a public social and labor standards policy and/or sourcing policy that applies to the supply chain, including production facilities and fishing and supply vessels, that addresses the following categories:

- a. Forced labor
- b. Child labor
- c. Freedom of association
- d. Wages, benefits, and employment contracts
- e. Working hours
- f. Health and safety
- g. Discrimination, harassment, and abuse
- h. Grievance mechanisms

Fully compliant: 25

