









NGO TUNA FORUM PRIORITIES FOR IMMEDIATE RFMO ACTION

These priorities reflect the NGO Tuna Forum's collective priorities for all RFMOs that, when addressed, can substantially improve management of global tuna fisheries.

	Adopt and implement robust management procedures for tunas and other targeted stocks, including swordfish and blue sharks.
	Require 100% observer coverage (human and/or electronic) in industrial tuna fisheries, including all those vessels engaged in at sea transshipment.
	Adopt and/or strengthen at-sea transshipment measures in line with best practices, such as those recommended in the NGO Tuna Forum's Aligned Guidance on At-Sea Transshipment . ¹
	Strengthen FAD management provisions to at least the level defined in the NGO Tuna Forum's Aligned Guidance on FAD Management . ²
	Strengthen compliance mechanisms to ensure RFMO processes are transparent and robust, members are held accountable for the implementation of all conservation management measures and data reporting requirements, and there are clear consequences for non-compliance.
	Implement and strengthen bycatch mitigation measures to effectively minimize bycatch and proactively reduce fishing induced mortality of ETP species, non-target species and non-retained bycatch in line with NGO Tuna Forum's Aligned Bycatch Mitigation Expectations . ³
	Require fins naturally attached for ALL (i.e., fresh and frozen) sharks without exceptions, adopting the globally acknowledged best practice to prevent finning.
	Establish recommendations for labor and safety standards for crew and observers on fishing vessels based on relevant international labor conventions.

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The NGO Tuna Forum is a group of more than 35 NGOs that work on tuna sustainability issues around the globe. The Forum seeks to improve management of global tuna fisheries and facilitate supportive industry action. ngotunaforum.org

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