

# 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.

	<p>Adopt and implement <b>robust management procedures</b> for tunas and other targeted stocks, including blue sharks, swordfish and billfish.</p>
	<p>Require <b>100% observer coverage</b> (human and/or electronic) in industrial tuna fisheries, including all those vessels engaged in at sea transshipment.</p>
	<p>Adopt and/or strengthen <b>at-sea transshipment</b> measures in line with best practices, such as those recommended in the <a href="#">NGO Tuna Forum’s Aligned Guidance on At-Sea Transshipment</a>.<sup>1</sup></p>
	<p>Strengthen <b>FAD management</b> provisions to at least the level defined in the <a href="#">NGO Tuna Forum’s Aligned Guidance on FAD Management</a>.<sup>2</sup></p>
	<p>Strengthen <b>compliance mechanisms</b> 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.</p>
	<p>Implement and strengthen <b>bycatch mitigation measures</b> to effectively minimize bycatch and proactively reduce fishing induced mortality of ETP species, non-target species and non-retained bycatch in line with <a href="#">NGO Tuna Forum’s Aligned Bycatch Mitigation Expectations</a>.<sup>3</sup></p>
	<p>Require <b>fins naturally attached</b> for ALL (i.e., fresh and frozen) sharks without exceptions, adopting the globally acknowledged best practice to prevent finning.</p>
	<p>Establish recommendations for <b>labor and safety standards for crew and observers</b> on fishing vessels based on relevant international labor conventions.</p>
	<p>In the interest of crew safety and well-being, adopt vessel standards and requirements that provide for <b>regular and consistent WIFI access for fishers</b> at no cost to them.</p>

## About Us

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](http://ngotunaforum.org)

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