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FISHCORP.S. A/ B/P. DIANA MARIA, requires onboard its vessel(s) the use of the following best practices for FAD management, identified in [ISSF Technical Report 2019-11](#), "*Recommended Best Practices for FAD management in Tropical Tuna Purse Seine Fisheries*":

a) Comply with flag state and RFMO reporting requirements for fisheries statistics by set type

We commit to:

- [Filling out completely and accurately the logbooks, including FAD logbook information, by set type required by Ecuador/CIAT and submitting them to the required authority and/or CIAT.

We also commit to:

- Authorizing satellite data buoy provider to provide to CIAT buoy daily position data to estimate the number of active FADs and voluntarily submitting them to the OROP.

b) Voluntarily report additional FAD buoy data for use by RFMO science bodies

We commit to:

- Participate in a scientific program by CIAT by providing daily positions and echo-sounder data for every company-owned FAD, with a time-lag as needed to ensure confidentiality.
- Provide FAD daily position and echo-sounder data when required by CIAT.
- Report FAD buoy daily position data to the relevant OROP/ CIAT or national scientific institutions and/or flag State, with a maximum time lag of 90 days. And, if reporting to national scientific institution SRP (Department of Fisheries Resources) or flag state, we shall request that these data be made available to the relevant OROP for scientific purposes.

c) Support science-based limits on the overall number of FADs used per vessel and/or FAD sets made

We commit to:

- Abiding by the limit of active number of FADs adopted by CIAT.

We commit to:

- Deploying only FADs with satellite tracking buoys.
- Not reactivating remotely buoys that were previously deactivated. They will only be reactivated when the buoys are back in port.
- Providing information on the buoy position at least once per day while they are in the water.

We also commit to:

- Abiding by the FAO 77 and 87 time area closure established by CIAT

d) Use only non-entangling FADs to reduce ghost fishing

We commit to:

- [Deploying at least 15 of our FADs that are completely non-entangling (i.e., without any netting), according to the [ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs](#)].

We also commit to:

- [Not deploying any "high entanglement risk" FAD according to the [ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs](#) (i.e., those using large open netting either in the raft or in the underneath part of the FADs. (> 2.5 inches or 7 cm mesh).
- [Removing from the water and bringing back to port all encountered "high entanglement risk" FADs according to the [ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs](#) (i.e., those using large open netting either in the raft or in the underneath part of the FADs. (> 2.5 inches or 7 cm mesh).

e) Mitigate other environmental impacts due to FAD loss including through the use of biodegradable FADs and FAD recovery policies

We commit to:

- Deploying 50% of our FADs with only biodegradable materials except for floatation components of the raft, for which the use of non-biodegradable material should be reduced as much as possible, with an aim to increase this to 100% by 2024.
- Participating in trials of biodegradable FAD designs and tests with the participation of SRP (Department of Fisheries Resources) science bodies and OROP /or CPCs or ISSF scientist.
- Participating in tests of locally-sourced biodegradable materials in collaboration with of SRP (Department of Fisheries Resources).

We commit to:

- Not deploying FADs more than 20 m deep and testing simpler structure and smaller FADs to reduce their impact.

We commit to:

- Participating in research to determine FAD deployment areas that have high risk of

- stranding, by providing historical track data to CIAT.
- Participate in trials of FAD recovery programs with the participation of OROP /or CPCs or ISSF scientist.

We also commit to:

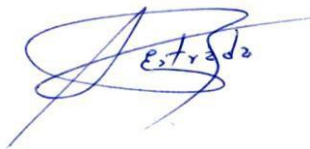
- Removing from the water and bringing back to port 100% of active FADs used by the vessels in each trip.
- Removing from the water and bringing back to port all encountered FADs with non-biodegradable elements (e.g., plastic containers).

f) For silky sharks (the main bycatch issue in FAD sets) implement further mitigation efforts

We commit to:

- Practicing best safe handling and release of sharks and rays brought onboard.
- Reducing the annual number of sets made on small tuna aggregations (< 5 tons).

This policy was adopted on 01 /01/2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Estrada', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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