

Tri Marine Longline Commitment

As an important supplier of longline tuna caught globally, and in an ongoing effort to improve sourcing practices, Tri Marine aims to reduce environmental impacts, promote the well-being of coastal communities and fishermen, and strengthen the long-term sustainability of longline fisheries by making the following commitments:

Working to eliminate illegal, unregulated, or unreported (IUU) fishing. Tri Marine requires all vessels:

- Submit copies of valid registration certificates and IMO numbers
- Be checked against the IUU lists of regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs)
- Not engage in any high seas transshipment, unless a vessel has observer coverage and can provide a copy of transshipment authorization from the relevant authority

Requiring shark conservation and other bycatch mitigation. Tri Marine requires all vessels have a public policy:

- Prohibiting shark finning (retention of fins while discarding carcass)
- Prohibiting the use of wire leaders/traces and shark lines in order to reduce shark catch
- Mandating the use of circle hooks at all times in order to reduce sea turtle bycatch
- Mandating the use of best practice handling techniques such as those outlined in the [ISSF Skippers' Guidebook to Sustainable Longline Fishing Practices](#)¹

Improving data collection for better fisheries management. Tri Marine promotes:

- Recording both retained and discarded catch by species by requiring the use of expanded logbooks, and testing electronic logbooks
- Expanding observer coverage by investing in electronic monitoring
- Development and implementation of Fisheries Improvement Plans (FIPs)

Protecting the wellbeing of coastal communities and fishermen. Tri Marine requires that all suppliers:

- Comply with the Tri Marine Ethical Sourcing Policy
- Agree to the principles of the Seafood Task Force Code of Conduct and implement the Seafood Task Force Vessel Auditable Standards

Enforcing our commitments. Tri Marine requires:

- Full traceability documentation for the entire chain of custody (CoC) for each shipment
- Signed Captain's Statement and Confirmation of Purchase for all shipments, which have the above requirements and are legally binding
- Random vessel inspections and traceability audits
- Cease purchasing from vessels with proven cases of false reporting for a minimum of one year for the first case, and a minimum of 3 years for a second case

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¹ <http://www.issfguidebooks.org/longline-toc>