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FRABELLE PNG LTD. requires onboard its vessel(s) the use of the following best practices for FAD management, identified in [ISSF Technical Report 2023-10](#), which updates 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 Flag State/RFMO and submitting them by electronic reporting to the required authority.

We commit to:

Achieving 100% observer coverage on all fishing trips through the regional observer program operated by RFMO, or

Achieving the observer coverage required by Flag State.

We also commit to:

Collecting data on the number of active FADs and FAD activity (deployments, visits, sets and loss) as required by Flag State/RFMO and submitting them to the required authority and RFMO

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

We commit to:

Report FAD buoy daily position data to the relevant RFMO science bodies and/or national scientific institutions and/or flag State, with a maximum time lag of 90 days. Data submissions must include the vessel name and IMO number (if available). Deployments should be identified in the data submissions when possible. [And, if reporting to national scientific institution or flag state, we shall request that these data be made available to the relevant RFMO for scientific purposes.]

Provide FAD buoy echo-sounder acoustic biomass data to the relevant RFMO science bodies and/or national scientific institutions and/or flag State, with a maximum time lag of 90 days. Data submissions must include the vessel name and IMO number (if available). [And, if reporting to national scientific institution or flag state, we shall request that these data be made available to the relevant RFMO 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 RFMO

We commit to:

Deploying only FADs with satellite tracking buoys.

We also commit to:

Abiding by the FAD time area closure established by the Flag State/RFMO.

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

We commit to:

Only deploying or redeploying (i.e. placing in the water) FADs that are completely non-entangling (i.e., without any netting) according to the [ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs](#).

We also commit to:

Retrieving, where practicable, any encountered pre-existing non-fully NEFAD (whether a set is done or not) which is not in compliance with this measure.

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

We commit to:

Studying the feasibility of using FADs with only biodegradable material in their construction except the floatation structure of the raft; and/or

Participating in tests of locally sourced biodegradable materials in collaboration with the relevant authority or scientific institution.

We commit to:

Studying the feasibility of deploying simpler and smaller FADs.

We commit to:

Participating in research to determine FAD deployment areas that have high risk of stranding, by providing historical track data to scientific.

We also commit to, where practicable:

Removing from the water and bringing back to port all encountered FADs with non-biodegradable elements.

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

We commit to:

Applying Best Practices for safe handling and release of sharks and rays brought onboard.

This policy was adopted on **12 February 2025.**

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VESSEL NAME	IMO NUMBER
GARDENIA 888	8648028
GOLDEN SAPPHIRE 88	8324177
MILFLORES 888	8648030
PURPLE LILAC 888	7820722