



Tuna Procurement Policy

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TUNA PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

Our goal is to source all of our Tuna stocks only from healthy (not overfished, not listed as threatened on the IUCN Red List, and demonstrating good management quality) and well-managed stocks, from fisheries using the most current best practices in methods, by-catch reduction and environmentally responsible, socially responsible, and priced reasonably for our consumers.

To achieve these goals, we are committed to improve transparency, traceability and compliance. We will support the ISSF's common ground philosophy for Tuna Sustainability (<http://iss-foundation.org/what-we-do/areas-of-focus/tuna-conservation/>). We will make a concerted effort to actively promote the products that meet or exceed the benchmarks set in this procurement policy. We will also work with other stakeholders such as the fishing industry, the community, environmental conservation groups and the Government to achieve our goals of sourcing sustainable tuna.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies for the procurement of Tuna in the following locations:

- 2.1. ASFII – General Santos City, Philippines - Canning Plant
 - 2.1.1. Skip Jack - Fresh
 - 2.1.2. Skip Jack Frozen
 - 2.1.3. Other Tuna Species (Yellowfin, Bonito, etc.)
- 2.2. PTIAFI – Bitung, Indonesia - Canning Plant
 - 2.2.1. Skip Jack – Pole in Line
 - 2.2.2. Skip Jack – Purse Seine
 - 2.2.3. Other Tuna Species (Yellowfin, Bonito, etc.)

3. OBJECTIVE

To ensure that all Tuna Sourcing are conducted properly and follows a stringent guideline as outlined in this policy.

To establish the process and procedures in Tuna Sourcing.

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

4.1. Gear Type

- 4.1.1. **Purse seine** - We will work towards sourcing from fishing vessels that target free-swimming tuna schools or use non-entangling FADs. We support improved management at the RFMO level for FAD use. We will not source from purse seines that conduct transshipment at sea. We



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support 100% observer coverage and must have acknowledgement of management.

4.1.2. ***Pole-and-line*** - We support Pole-and-line fisheries when possible as a sustainable option for tuna fisheries. Fisheries supplying bait are identified and have a public assessment. Pole-and-line fisheries have nominal bycatch. However, the fisheries that supply pole-and-line fisheries with bait, can have problematic ecological effects, including bycatch and overexploitation of target baitfish species therefore we support the use of sustainable bait.

4.1.3. ***FAD (Fish Aggregating Device)*** - Current research suggests that harvest methods including the use of FADs (natural or artificial floating objects) may result in a much higher bycatch. Bycatch can include sharks, dolphins, juveniles and sea turtles among others. Therefore we support non-entanglement FAD and FAD free tuna, no transshipment at sea w/o observer. We support sourcing as much non-entanglement FAD and FAD free tuna as possible.

4.2. **Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs)/Species/Stock status:**

We will support and make a concerted effort to purchase from existing and/or help facilitate new FIPs for species of concern including Albacore, Yellowfin, Bigeye and Skipjack tuna whenever possible.

4.3. **Observer coverage/ Transparency/Transshipment at sea/ Compliance with fishery closures:**

Our program includes sourcing through fisheries whose fishing practices can be maintained without reducing the species ability to populate. The fishery must also be protective of the environment and not adversely impact any other species in the marine ecosystem. This includes accidental kill, removing their food sources, or damaging their environment. Product will be traceable back to its origin/fishing area. This includes traceability back to the boat if wild caught, and back to the farm if farm caught. Suppliers must be able to guarantee the fishing method used. We will provide annual staff training which will result in improved consumer education. We will offer transparency to consumers by way of assuring all products are labeled with species common name, and the country of processing. We support no transshipment at sea, request fishing vessels to be compliant with fishery closures, and vessels operating with observers on board. We request that source fisheries are independently audited for traceability and will conduct third-party audits against the sourcing requirements contained within this policy.

4.4. **Supplier/Vessel identification/ Illegal, Unregulated, Unreported (IUU):**

We will require all of our fishing vendors and partners to provide tuna raw materials according to our set policy. We will not tolerate raw materials sourced



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from fishing vessels/company that has been engaged and know to be practicing IUU. We will source from ISSF participant suppliers whenever possible. We request all supplying companies to comply with all of ISSF's Conservation and Management Measures and all supplying vessels are registered on ISSF's Pro-Active Vessel Register (PVR) and to be in full compliance with relevant PVR requirements. We will not source from companies that have been listed on the Greenpeace Blacklist, which includes all official RFMO Blacklists.

4.4.1. IUU Fishing Vessel List is a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing activities. <http://iss-foundation.org/2013/06/28/search-an-rfmo-iuu-list/>

4.4.2. ISSF participant Suppliers: <http://iss-foundation.org/about-us/participants/>

4.5. **Social and Ethical Responsibility:**

We will ensure that our tuna supply chain is socially and ethically responsible. This means ensuring safe and fair working conditions, ensuring fishing agreements are equitable, and maintaining strict human rights standards for all products sourced and fishing methods used is ethically acceptable within the global standards set by various global organizations and NGOs.

4.5.1. **Dolphin Safe** – We will exclusively purchase and distribute canned tuna products only from suppliers that has a Dolphin Safe corporate policy confirmed and approved by Earth Island Institute's International Monitoring Program (IMP) and/or the European Dolphin Safe Monitoring Organization (EDSMO). Please see our detailed policy on Dolphin Safe and Shark Finning.

4.5.2. **Shark Finning** – We, including our subsidiaries or affiliates worldwide do not participate in, or profit from, nor is the company connected to companies involved in, whaling operations, dolphin drive fisheries, shark fin fisheries, nor the sale, import, export, brokerage of whale/dolphin meat, sea turtle meat/body parts, or shark fins, or the processing of marine mammal body parts, sea turtle body parts or shark fins. Please see our detailed policy on Dolphin Safe and Shark Finning.

4.6. **Consumer Education:**

Consumer education will be part of our sustainability marketing plan. This policy will be posted on our website, www.allianceselectfoods.com

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