



### POLICY REGARDING SHARK FINNING

Shark finning - the retention of fins and discard of the remaining carcass at sea, is an abhorrent practice which contravenes various international rules and regulation, including:

- The united Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and its International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks.
- The Resolutions of a number of other international marine bodies, all of which call for minimizing waste and discards.
- Shark - related conservation and management measures of the tuna regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) restrict finning regardless of fishing vessel gear type, through a proviso that the weight of fins landed cannot exceed 5% of the total shark catch on board.
- The legislation of several countries requiring the fins remain naturally attached to shark bodies.

**As a member of ISSF and International Pole and Line foundation, MMP:**

- 1) Condemns the practice of shark finning as defined above.
- 2) Do not endorse the practice of shark finning, which is the retention of any fins while discarding the carcass at sea.
- 3) Will only purchase from vessel-owning companies that have a published policy prohibiting shark finning on board its vessels.
- 4) Will not purchase from any vessel that has been found to have finned for 2 years following the date of the most recent finding.
- 5) Will not transact business with any company that has no published policy banning shark finning, or having instituted such a policy does not fully enforce its provisions.

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