

## FIA PNG Transparency good practices - Aligning with Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF) Principles



*A comprehensive and robust transparency requirement for our FIA PNG tuna fleet members*

#	EJF icon	EJF principles	FIA PNG evidence
1		Give all vessels a unique number	Our fleet is publicly registered on the WCPFC website and the FFA regional vessel registry. Our fleet is required to be on standing first on the FFA vessel registry before PNG Government can issue fishing licence. Each vessel appears with <a href="#">its IMO number</a> .
2		Make vessel tracking data public	We have opened our tuna fleet VMS data to <a href="#">Global Fishing Watch</a> , and it is public.
3		Publish lists of fishing licences and authorisations	Our tuna fleet makes public the fishing license, gear type, fishing area, authorization period, and fishing license number on the <a href="#">WCPFC website</a>
4		Publish punishments handed out for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and fisheries crimes	<a href="#">NFA</a> and <a href="#">BFAR</a> are the authorities monitoring and enforcing the laws in PNG and Philippines waters on both PNG and Filipino flag vessels. Both authorities control and report IUU activities and penalties applied.
5		Ban transferring fish between boats at sea – unless carefully monitored	PNG Fisheries Legislation bans the transhipment or transfer of fish at sea (EEZ/AW/Highseas) between two or more vessels. The <a href="#">fishing license further stipulates that no transhipment is allowed at sea and high seas</a> . This is <u>also</u> part of the FFA minimum terms and conditions for regional registration and access to fish.
6		Set up a digital database of vessel information	FIA PNG has a centralized database system for storage and dissemination of vessel information in <a href="#">iFIMS</a> . We monitor each fishing vessel and each fishing vessel trip from port to port. Government, Regional Fisheries Management Organization, and the independent party Global fishing watch also have direct access to the vessel information

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7		<p>Stop the use of flags of convenience for fishing vessels</p>	<p>Our fleet is PNG and Filipino flags, NFA does not authorize the use of flags of convenience</p>
8		<p>Publish details of the true owners of each vessel – who takes home the profit?</p>	<p>The owner of each fishing vessel appears publicly on the <a href="#">WCPFC website</a> and also are registered in the FIA PNG association as a member. Vessel ownership also appears on the NFA licence database as well as on the fishing licence so ownership is public information.</p>
9		<p>Punish anyone involved in illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing</p>	<p><a href="#">NFA</a> and <a href="#">BFAR</a> are the authorities that are monitoring and enforcing the laws in the PNG waters on both PNG and Filipino flag vessels. Both authorities control and report IUU. Both NFA and BFAR have their individual legal processes to apply penalties to vessels that violate the laws. Our <i>FIA Social Responsibility &amp; Human Rights</i> procedure includes the fisheries crime assessment of our fleet members and therefore assists to minimize any types of IUU risks.</p>
10		<p>Adopt international measures that set clear standards for fishing vessels and the trade in fisheries products</p>	<p>FIA PNG members are aligned with the FAO code of conduct for fisheries, we comply with IMO regulations through FFA, and our fleet has been assessed against ILOC188 requirements by Seafoodmatter and acquired the <a href="#">Certification FISH</a> that is based on ILO and Human Rights conventions. NFA is also the competent authority under EU regulations that ensures fisheries products are fully traceable, monitored and traded legally.</p>

- Charter for Transparency taken from Environmental Justice Foundation EJF

It is important to remark that any fleet or fishing vessel that wishes to join the FIA PNG RSP initiative, shall comply with our code of conduct as part of the MoU.