



## **ECHEBASTAR POLICY REGARDING FULL RETENTION OF CATCH**

As an active PVR member of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF), Echebatar is committed to maintaining full compliance with all ISSF resolutions. Resolution 14-03. D, “Tuna Stock Health” outlines the requirement for full retention of tunas on board purse seine vessels.

Echebatar supports and complies with this resolution through internal company policies mandating that all tuna caught on board purse seine vessels must be fully retained, except those unfit for human consumption.

1. For purposes of this measure, “unfit for human consumption” means fish that:
  - (i) is meshed or crushed in the purse seine net; or
  - (ii) is damaged due to shark or whale depredation; or
  - (iii) has died and spoiled in the net where a gear failure has prevented both the normal retrieval of the net and catch and efforts to release the fish alive.
2. “Unfit for human consumption” does not include fish that:
  - (i) is considered undesirable in terms of size, marketability, or species composition; or
  - (ii) is spoiled or contaminated as the result of an act or omission of the crew of the fishing vessel.

Echebatar:

1. Conducts regular internal compliance audits of all vessels.
2. Complies with full observer coverage on all purse seine vessels.
3. Collects a signed Captain’s Statement for every fishing trip providing a statement of compliance.

Echebatar, is a responsible member of the fishing community, fully supportive of RFMO management measures and the conservation of marine life.

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