

AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA



TECHNICAL NOTICES

N° 079-2024

FOR: ICCAT operational catching fleet.

**ON
BEHALF:** Office of International Technical Cooperation

SUBJECT: Compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) concerning sharks:

- 04-10 Conservation of Sharks;
- 07-06 Supplemental recommendation concerning sharks;
- 09-07 Conservation of thresher sharks;
- 10-07 Conservation of Oceanic whitetip shark;
- 10-08 Recommendation on hammerhead sharks (family sphyrnidae);
- 11-08 Conservation of silky sharks;
- 15-06 Conservation on porbeagle.

DATE: January 29, 2024.

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), communicates to Ship-owners, Operators, Masters, and Resident Agents, the guidelines and management measures for the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by ICCAT, and that Panama as a Contracting Party (CPC) to the RFMO recognizes, and must ensure compliance with these measures, as well as the communication of data, from the fishing operation.

These guidelines and measures apply to the fishing fleet with an **International Fishing License of Catch** flying the Panamanian flag, greater than or equal to 20 meters in length, which is on the vessel register to operate in the ICCAT Convention area; and also, for those capture fishing vessels flying the Panamanian flag, less than 20 meters in length, not included in the ICCAT vessel register, but operating in the Convention area of this RFMO.

In the annex, you will find the guidelines and measures for the conservation and management by species caught within the ICCAT convention area referred to in this circular for each of the above-mentioned recommendations.

✓ Important and Mandatory

Failure to comply with these guidelines and measures shall be subject to the application of the regulations in force and established by this Authority in sanctioning matters in accordance with Law No. 204 of March 18, 2021, and the Recommendation by ICCAT on penalties applicable in case of non-fulfillment with data collection and reporting obligations (Rec. 11-15).

The ICCAT recommendations described can be found in the following link:
<https://www.iccat.int/en/RecRes.asp>.

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Annex

Guidelines and measures for the conservation and management by species of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by ICCAT:

GUIDELINES	REC. ICCAT	SPECIES
<i>Vessels flying the Panamanian flag shall prohibited, retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale any part or whole carcass of this species.</i>	09-07 10-07 10-08 11-08 07-06 15-06	<i>Thresher sharks (Alopias superciliosus) Oceanic sharks (Carcharhinus longimanus) Hammerhead sharks (family Sphyrnidae) Silky shark (Carcharhinus falciformis) Porbeagle (Lamna nasus) Porbeagle (Lamna nasus).</i>
<i>The masters of vessels flying the Panamanian flag, shall report in the fishing logbooks, the discard and/or release of these species and inform the condition of each specimen (live or dead), coordinates, date, set, and others that the authority determines. They shall release these species quickly and unharmed, as far as possible, taking into account their safety and the minimum standards for safe handling and release procedures.</i>	09-07 10-07 10-08 11-08 07-06 15-06	<i>Thresher sharks (Alopias superciliosus) Oceanic sharks (Carcharhinus longimanus) Hammerhead sharks (family Sphyrnidae) Silky shark (Carcharhinus falciformis) Porbeagle (Lamna nasus) Porbeagle (Lamna nasus).</i>
<i>On vessels with an On-Board Observer Program, in addition to the established requirements, the observer shall also report the discard and/or release of specimens and inform the condition of each specimen (dead or alive), coordinates, date, sets, and others that the Authority may determine.</i>	09-07 10-07 10-08 11-08 07-06 15-06	<i>Thresher sharks (Alopias superciliosus) Oceanic sharks (Carcharhinus longimanus) Hammerhead sharks (family Sphyrnidae) Silky shark (Carcharhinus falciformis) Porbeagle (Lamna nasus) Porbeagle (Lamna nasus).</i>
<i>Vessels flying the Panamanian flag shall prohibited from retaining on board, transshipping, storing, selling, offering for sale and landing shark fins obtained in contravention of this ICCAT recommendation and national regulations in force.</i>	04-10	<i>Sharks (SHK)</i>