

## Policy on Shark Finning for ICV Africa and the Tuna Pole & Line Industry in South Africa:

ICV Africa acknowledges that shark finning, which involves retaining fins and discarding the remaining carcass at sea, is an unethical practice that violates international rules and regulations, 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, as well as resolutions of other international marine bodies that call for minimizing waste and discards.

As responsible members of the maritime community, and in full support of regional fisheries management organization (RFMO) management measures, national legislation, and marine life conservation, ICV Africa and the Tuna Pole & Line Industry in South Africa:

1. Strongly prohibit the harmful practice of shark finning, as described in the above statement.
2. Appeal to RFMOs to enhance their management of shark fisheries by strictly banning shark finning and implementing mandatory reporting of shark catches by species.
3. Prohibit shark finning from our suppliers' vessels and those of our and their subsidiary companies.
4. Refrain from conducting business with any vessel identified by an RFMO or national authority as involved in shark finning, with this ban lasting two consecutive years from the latest infringement.
5. We will not conduct business transactions with companies lacking a published and strictly enforced policy against shark finning.
6. The tuna pole & line sector in South Africa is not permitted to retain sharks.

ICV Africa takes pride in protecting our oceans and have implemented strict measures in place to ensure transparent sustainable pole and line tuna fishing. We have registered with the ISSF (International Seafood Sustainability Foundation) which works with regional organizations and data sources, to provide information about vessels and their practices, including seafood buyers.