

Shark Finning Policy



Pelco NZ Ltd is committed to and is a strong advocate for sustainable fisheries and believes there is a need for global improvement.

Pelco supports international efforts to stop the illegal, unreported and unregulated harvesting of sharks, and condemns the practice of shark finning (the removal of fins from a shark and discarding the carcass at sea). We do not permit the practice of shark finning onboard any of our vessels and we require that any sharks caught, and retained, are stored and landed with fins naturally attached.

New Zealand is a member of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and has adopted a National Plan of Action – Sharks (NPOA-Sharks). The plan sets the direction for ensuring the conservation, management and sustainable utilisation of sharks caught by New Zealand vessels in New Zealand waters. In accordance with the goals identified in the NPOA-Sharks, a ban on shark finning has been implemented in New Zealand since 1 October 2014. Pelco supports this initiative unreservedly.

Pelco ensures that all of its crew understand and follow fisheries regulations. We require that all fishers and fishing companies that we do business with to undertake their fishing activities legally and to be fully compliant including monitoring, recording and landing their catch except for those species that are legally required to be returned to the sea.

For Pelco, sustainable harvesting of all fish means ensuring that we limit our impact on the environment to ensure the continued availability of fish stocks for generations to come.

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