



## ***Non-Entangling FAD (NEFAD) Policy***

*South Pacific Tuna Corporation (SPTC) is committed to sustainable tuna harvest practices. As of April 18th 2017, all six (6) SPTC managed-purse seine vessels have been distributed the [ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs](#). These vessels are now in the process of evaluating and converting to lower risk entanglement FAD designs on all new deployments. It is our goal that in the next twelve (12) months, all FAD deployments meet the minimum specifications in the [ISSF Guide for Non-Entangling FADs](#) for lower risk entanglement FAD design. We will be replacing FADs that meet the description of “highest entanglement” contained in the ISSF Guide. In the mean time we look forward to a more precise definition of the term Non-Entangling FAD (NEFAD), especially in light of growing support to require them in the various ocean basins by the relevant regional fishery management organization (noting that at least one RFMO now requires their deployment). We are prepared to assist in the development of the needed definitions and designs to clarify these important concepts.*

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