

# Lovering Foods

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## ISSF CM 2.4 – Supply Chain Transparency, Audit, Reporting and Purchase Requirements

### **Tuna Purchases 2019**

a) From 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019, Lovering Foods purchased 21,576 round tons of tuna (estimated based on a 40% yield), from each of the following Fishery Source categories:

- MSC-certified fisheries eligible to use the MSC label – **11%**
- Comprehensive FIPs listed on FisheryProgress.org scoring A, B or C or in their initial listing on fisheryprogress.org – **48%**
- Comprehensive FIPs listed on FisheryProgress.org scoring D or E – **0%**
- None of the above – **41%** (However, 56% of this 'N/A' listed catch was caught using pole and line. The catch method of pole and line is a low-impact gear type, which ensures by-catch remains low.)

b) Lovering Foods has purchased the following, from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019 (measured in round ton equivalents), for each of the following Supplier Source Categories:

- ISSF participating companies – **44%**
- Data check companies – **0%**
- Direct from vessels – **0%**
- None of the above – **56%**

c) As a business Lovering Foods are committed to stewarding the natural resource on which our trade depends. Lovering Foods' mission is to provide high quality products that are responsibly and ethically sourced with best in class service. The maintenance of healthy tuna stocks is of central importance to us. We know that by ensuring the ongoing sustainability of tuna, we also strengthen our business as a whole and build trust with our customers. Lovering Foods intends to decrease its purchases from categories labelled 'none of the above' in sections (a) and (b).

d) Lovering Foods considers pole and line fishing to be low-impact gear type, which ensures that by-catch remains low. Pole and Line sourcing has been a key sourcing priority to Lovering Foods. In 2019, **47%** of our total tuna purchases were caught using pole and line. Additionally, Lovering Foods purchases from a number of artisanal pole and line sources, this has the additional benefit of supporting local coastal communities.

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## Tuna Purchases 2018

a) From 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018, Lovering Foods purchased 18835 round tons of tuna (estimated based on a 40% yield), from each of the following Fishery Source categories:

- MSC-certified fisheries eligible to use the MSC label – **7%**
- Comprehensive FIPs listed on FisheryProgress.org scoring A, B or C or in their initial listing on fisheryprogress.org – **11%**
- Comprehensive FIPs listed on FisheryProgress.org scoring D or E – **0%**
- None of the above – **82%** (However, **35%** of this 'N/A' listed catch was caught using pole and line. The catch method of pole and line is a low-impact gear type.)

b) Lovering Foods has purchased the following, from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018 (measured in round ton equivalents), for each of the following Supplier Source Categories:

- ISSF participating companies – **15%**
- Data check companies – **0%**
- Direct from vessels – **0%**
- None of the above – **85%**

d) Lovering Foods considers pole and line fishing to be low-impact gear type, which ensures that by-catch remains low. Pole and Line sourcing has been a key sourcing priority to Lovering Foods. In 2018, **40%** of our tuna purchases were caught using pole and line. Additionally, Lovering Foods purchases from a number of artisanal pole and line sources, this has the additional benefit of supporting local coastal communities.