

Environmental impact operating policy for single handed operators.



When completed, this can be used as evidence to partially satisfy the RFS Standard requirements in respect of caring for the environment.

Vessel Name..... PLN.....

As a vessel certified under the Responsible Fishing Scheme, the operator of the above named vessel commits to the following principles: That;

- They will take all necessary and appropriate measures to ensure that the fisheries and ecosystems in which the vessel operates are accessed responsibly, to preserve their responsible use for current and future generations.
- They will abide by all environmental laws and will cooperate with regulatory authorities in pursuit of sustainable management of the fisheries in which the vessel operates.
- They will make all reasonable efforts to minimise the capture of unintended by-catch.
- They will ensure the vessel is well maintained and that any waste produced and any disused fishing gear is appropriately disposed of on land, and recycled where possible.
- They will actively support and encourage participation of the crew in any available training to achieve the above objectives.
- The operators of the vessel will not deliberately discharge oils, fuels or oily mixtures into the seas. Any oily mixtures collected will be suitably held on board and safely disposed of on return to port.
- Any leakage of fuel, oil or engine cooling water will be immediately addressed. If suitable repair cannot be carried out at sea, the vessel will undertake to carry out the repair as soon as practical after the vessel reaches port.
- The operators of the vessel will undertake to maintain all seals, glands and gaskets from all machinery, engines and propeller shafts in good condition.
- Where design allows, the vessel will have a fitted drip tray beneath the engine with adequate drainage into a holding tank; or similar method of collection and storage.
- Vessels over 400 tonnes will have suitable oil filtering/separating equipment to control oily discharge to within allowable limits as referenced in Marpol Annex 1.
(NOT APPLICABLE IF VESSEL LESS THAN 400 TONNES)

- Provisioning of the vessel will be carefully managed to minimise the generation of on board waste whilst at sea.
- The vessel will have a suitable storage area in which to hold on board waste / waste generated whilst at sea.
- Vessel operators will not dispose of any type of inorganic waste / waste material into the seas.
- The vessel operators will have suitable waste management procedures for the collection, storage, and disposal or recycling of waste / waste material.
- Vessels over 12 meters will have a suitable placard displayed to highlight information on waste / waste laws in areas where it may be generated. **(NOT APPLICABLE IF VESSEL LESS THAN 12m LOA)**
- Vessel operators will follow any relevant national standards or guidelines which will minimise or reduce the emission of dangerous substances in engine exhaust gases.
- Where applicable, the vessel owner and/or operator will follow industry guidelines for the safe disposal of refrigerant gases. **(NOT APPLICABLE IF VESSEL HAS NO MECHANICAL REFRIDGERATION)**
- Vessel operators will undertake to ensure that the responsible crew members are fully conversant with the proper running and correct maintenance of all machinery on board.
- Where in operation at ports of landing, vessel operators will actively participate in organised waste retrieval programmes.

OWNER DECLARATION	
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PRINT NAME	
DATE	

SKIPPER DECLARATION (IF NOT OWNER)	
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PRINT NAME	
DATE	