



NATIONAL ACTION PLAN AGAINST IUU

Translation of the main prohibitions established by the National Plan against Illegal Fishing Unreported and Unregulated was carried out

3.9. Specific prohibitions

In accordance with the provisions of Article 44 of the Fisheries Law, the following actions, among others, are prohibited to the national and foreign fleet operating with the authorization of Ecuador:

- Leaving and / or throwing garbage, plastic bags, rubbish or other inorganic objects that may affect bioaquatics resources on beaches or riversides or in the sea.
- Failure to comply with the obligation to provide observers with the facilities to send reports from the sea established by the fishing authority and / or the Regional Fishing Organizations.
- Failure to comply with management measures to avoid bycatch, especially of protected species.
- Navigate and / or carry out any fishing activity without having a satellite tracking system and, in the case of industrial vessels, without an electronic record of the route followed during the whole expedition (plotter) and / or without an observer on board when so ordered by the fishing authority.
- Navigate and / or fishing, whatever their phase or modality, without having the respective fishing permit and other documentation established in the current regulations.
- Failure to comply with the regulations, management and ordering measures ordered by the fishing authority; and, those established in the international Instruments ratified by the State.
- Failure to comply with legal regulations on shark fishing.
- Perform fishing activities associated with dolphins without having the LMD or exceeding its limits.
- Fishing within the prohibited zones, in times or closed areas and / or on buoys of oceanographic data or sensors.
- Fishing in jurisdictional waters of other States without their authorization or on the high seas violating international conventions on the sustainable use of their means.
- Import or build fishing vessels or increase storage or carry capacity of the existing ones without authorization from the fishing authority.
- Modify the structure of the vessels and / or their fishing gear to make unauthorized activities



- Establish or expand production lines without the authorization of the fishing authority;
- **Carry out transshipments of fishing on the high seas or unload in ports or places not authorized or not controlled by the fishing authority. In relation to the vessels known as “Nodrizas”, it is forbidden to carry out transshipments at high sea, without authorization from the Authority.**
- Not declare or report fishing to the fishing authority; prevent inspections by the fishing authority and / or distort the information provided or resort to any means to mislead the authorities or public officials.
- Acquire, landed, process and / or commercialize fishing by unauthorized shipowners or those who do not have certification on the legality of their catches or who come from illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing.
- Process and / or commercialize fishing that does not comply with the current legal regulations on sanitary safety.
- Fishing with methods or gear, gear or fishing systems that are not allowed, using toxic, explosive or other materials that endanger human life or bio-aquatic resources. It is prohibited to embark or maintain such gear and / or toxic or explosive elements aboard.
- Prohibit foreign vessels from fishing in Ecuadorian waters, in its contiguous or exclusive economic zone. The chartered and associated vessels are exempted by authorized fishing companies that have a valid and current fishing permit and that are subject to the control and surveillance of the national fishing authorities; and
- Fishing in a special reserve area established in accordance with the regulations current legal