

Landing Obligation (LO): shark, skate and ray exemptions

All quota species must be landed and counted against quota unless species is prohibited or exemptions apply.¹⁻³

Prohibited Species: Sharks, Skates and Rays



- ▶ Prohibited species of any size or quantity are not subject to the LO.¹
- ▶ Prohibited species must be handled with care and promptly released unharmed.²
- ▶ Estimated discards shall be recorded in the vessel logbook.³

Exemptions: Skates & Rays

- ▶ All skates and rays have a high survivability exemption from the LO.¹
- ▶ Any skate and ray discards shall be handled with care and promptly released unharmed.²
- ▶ Estimated discards shall be recorded in the vessel logbook.³

Responsible Handling

- ▶ Improves survival rates of specimens returned alive at sea.
- ▶ Contributes towards stock recovery.

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¹ Regulation (EU) No. 1380/2013

² Council Regulation (EU) No. 2021/92.

³ Regulation (EU) No. 2015/812.