



## INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Fishing in Galicia is an established and **reputable** phenomenon recognized in the seafood and culinary industry. Galicia's seafood industry is huge and is widely considered one of the **best in quality** due to its unique geographical conditions. It is internationally recognized that Galicia's fishing is closely tied with their **cultural identity** and economy.

Therefore, it is the priority of all entities involved to ensure that fish and marine invertebrate stocks are harvested **responsibly** and **sustainably**.

To prevent overexploitation of the fishery resources, the associations have worked in close coordination with scientists, fisherfolk and the private sector to design management systems that are now internationally recognized for its **efficiency** and **effectiveness**.

For more information,  
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## INTRODUCTION

Espinaler will always work hard to ensure our continuous support for **artisanal fishing**, as it is the only way to **preserve** Galician coast marine ecosystems. We work directly with Galician fishermen who work on **small-scale** artisanal fishing: *“passive fishing gear is used in order to avoid bad industrial arts that destroy the seabed, waste the catch and do not respect protected species and closed seasons.”*

In Espinaler, we only work with those who are open to admire the sea for its generosity, but who are conscious of its limitations. We only take part in **sustainable** practices.

## IMPORTANCE OF ARTISANAL FISHING

1. Providing high-quality, fresh fish and seafood
2. Helping to establish population in rural fishing communities.
3. Revitalizing coastal areas, favoring economic activities such as tourism.
4. It is an environmentally friendly activity, which has a minor impact relative to other fishing activities.
5. It contributes to the preservation and creation of culture.

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## POLE AND LINE

Here at Espinaler, our **white tuna** is captured using the Pole and Line method: **the most sustainable commercial method for catching tuna**, and it's the oldest.

It employs more people than any other method and directly supports artisanal fisherman.

Rates of accidental capture of other marine creatures, often known as **bycatch**, is as **low as 1%**. Endangered or protected species such as sharks, whales, dolphins, and turtles are left unharmed by this fishing technique.

To assure **sustainability**, fisheries leave enough fish in the ocean to **reproduce**. This is done by the utilization of a mesh size large enough to ensure that the adult fish is captured and that the smaller fish are allowed to swim free.

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## OUR FISHERIES

In terms of sustainability, not only are the fishing methods important but also the fisheries.

Our fisheries are **low-technology**, use **relatively low levels of energy**, **small-scaled** and more **labour intensive**.

As a result, in contrast with modern industrial fishing, **less waste** is produced, and **less stress** is inflicted on fish populations.

We believe in contributing to the importance and maintenance of **livelihoods locally**, as well as the **sustainability of the environment**.

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