



EXEMPTION TO THE FISH AGGREGATING DEVICE CLOSURE 2026

Decision of Ordinary Board Meeting 2/2026

MADE UNDER SECTION 20(4) OF THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS (2025)

1 Citation

This decision may be cited as the Exemption to the Fish Aggregating Device Closure decision 2026.

2 Commencement

This decision shall be effective from 1st July and shall remain in force until 15th August 2026.

3 Interpretation

Terms and abbreviations used in this decision shall have the same meaning as defined in the Fisheries Management Act 2025 and Fisheries Management Regulations 2025.

4 Exempted vessels

The following nine vessels are exempted from the application of the FAD closure, and may continue fishing in association with FADs, only in the Tuvalu EEZ and subject to the conditions listed in section 5:

<i>MFV Caribe</i>	<i>Tudo Fishing Company Pty Ltd</i>
<i>MFV Elspeth</i>	<i>Tudo Fishing Company Pty Ltd</i>
<i>MFV Queen Ellice</i>	<i>Q.T.I. Pty Ltd</i>
<i>MFV Taina</i>	<i>Tusa Fishing Company Ltd</i>
<i>MFV Fong Kuo No. 188</i>	<i>Fong Kuo Fishery Co. Ltd (on charter)</i>
<i>MFV Fong Kuo No. 886</i>	<i>Fong Kuo Fishery Co. Ltd (on charter)</i>
<i>MFV Fong Kuo No. 889</i>	<i>Fong Kuo Fishery Co. Ltd (on charter)</i>
<i>MFV Jih Yu No. 768</i>	<i>Jih Yu Fishery Co. Ltd (on charter)</i>
<i>MFV Jih Yu No. 968</i>	<i>Jih Yu Fishery Co Ltd (on charter)</i>


5 **Conditions of the FAD Closure Exemption**

- a) Each of the vessels nominated above shall be allowed to make a maximum of **Thirty (30) sets** on FADs during the one and a half month FAD closure period in the Tuvalu EEZ.
- b) The operators of each vessel will provide a report to the Director of Fisheries, not later than 31st October 2026, giving the date, position and catch by species for each set.
- c) Catches will be subject to the 100% retention requirement of the 3IA.
- d) Deployment, servicing and retrieval of drifting FADs is permitted during the FAD closure period but only in the Tuvalu EEZ.
- e) Deployment of anchored FADs is not permitted.
- f) FAD sets during the closure will be monitored by 100% observer coverage.
- g) Vessels transshipping in Funafuti will be subject to port sampling to ensure that this exemption does not allow excessive catches of small yellowfin and bigeye tuna.

Made under my hand this 5th day of May 2026


Chairman of the Board of Directors, TFA

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For Managing Director, TFA