If in-boarding is unavoidable, handle with care & release as quickly & safely as possible:

- **Sharks have no protective rib-cage.**
- **Support the stomach, secure the tail.**
- **Hold under mid-body & base of tail.**
- **Do not hold or lift by tail alone.**
- **Avoid holding vertically or by gills.**
- **Avoid contact with gills & spiracles.**

**Best Practice**

**Shark & Ray Angling**

Remove hook/gear, photograph & release at the side of the boat.

Only in-board a shark, skate or ray if unavoidable. Never use a gaff.

For more on responsible angling:

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SHARK & Ray ANGLING

Porbeagle
Lamna nasus

- AVOID from March - August when females may be pregnant.
- PROHIBITED to LAND from rod & line or handline in Scotland.

Tope
Galeorhinus galeus

- AVOID from March - June when females may be pregnant.
- PROHIBITED to fish other than with rod & line. Anglers fishing from boats must not land or tranship.

Angelshark
Squatina squatina

- PROHIBITED to intentionally disturb, target, injure or kill within 12nm of English & Welsh coastlines.

White Skate
Rostroraja alba

- PROHIBITED to LAND from rod & line or handline in Scotland.

Thresher Shark
Alopias spp.

If accidentally caught, handle with care, release as safely & quickly as possible, minimising the impact on the animal.


IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: European assessments listed where available.

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