



Designated a PROHIBITED SPECIES for all EU and third country vessels using long-lines in EU waters of ICES areas 2a and 4 - as well as EU and international waters of ICES areas 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 14.<sup>1</sup>

► It is prohibited to TARGET, RETAIN, TRANSHIP or LAND Tope caught by long-line in these areas.<sup>1</sup>

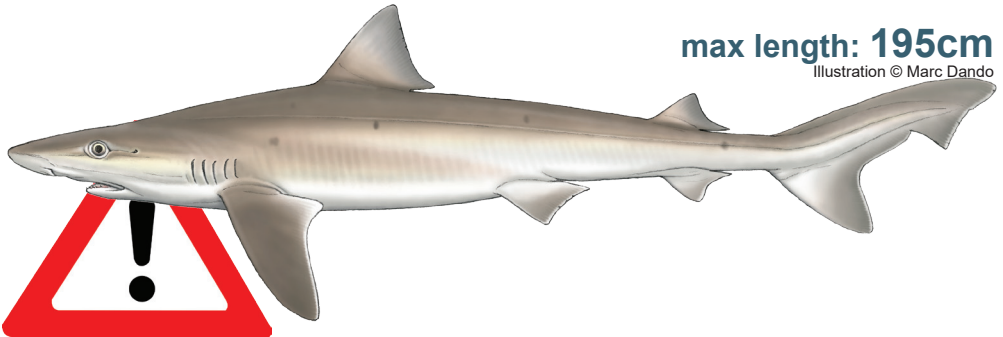
## UK domestic restrictions: vessels using gears other than long-lines:



Designated a RESTRICTED SPECIES for all English and Welsh vessels. Vessels are limited to retaining no more than 45kg live-weight per day. Tope caught by rod and line cannot be landed. Landed Tope must have head and fins still attached.<sup>2,3</sup>



Fishing for Tope, other than by rod and line or hand-line, by a Scottish or relevant British fishing vessel is PROHIBITED in Scottish waters. Tope caught by rod and line or hand-line cannot be transhipped or landed.<sup>4</sup>



max length: 195cm

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If accidentally caught, this shark shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released, with details recorded in vessel logbook.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EU) No. 2018/120.

<sup>2</sup> Tope (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 2008.

<sup>3</sup> Tope (Prohibition of Fishing) (Wales) Order 2008.

<sup>4</sup> Sharks, Skates and Rays (Prohibition of Fishing, Transhipment and Landing (Scotland) Order 2012.

<sup>5</sup> All discards >50kg must be logged.

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