

Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network

Training Manual for

SSTP minimum tagging sizes

*Supported by the Scottish Shark Tagging
Programme*



Species we tag

The Scottish Shark Tagging Programme tag and collect data for the following species; tope, smoothhound, spurdog, bull huss, rays (thornback, spotted, blonde and cuckoo) and common skate.

To ensure the welfare of the tagged fish we have imposed a minimum landing size to ensure the tagged fish is robust enough to make a full recovery

Minimum Sizes for tagging using the floy dart



Tope	Length 100cm (10.0 lb)
Spurdog	Length 90cm (6.4 lb)
Bull Huss	Length 100cm (7 lb)
Smoothhound	Length 100cm (6.5 lb)
Ray	Wingspan 50cm (5.25lb)
Common Skate	Wingspan 55cm (5.3lb)

Minimum Sizes for tagging using the Tagging Gun/mini tags

The SSTP introduced the Tagging Gun in 2011 as we felt we were missing out on much needed data from fish too small to tag. We can now therefore tag much smaller sharks.

Tope	Length 65cm (2.8 lb)
Spurdog	Length 65cm (2.8 lb)
Bull Huss	Length 65cm (2.5 lb)
Smoothhound	Length 70cm (2.2 lb)
Rays	Wingspan 35cm (2.1lb)