

NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION

Managing Fisheries in the North-East Atlantic



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NEAFC and Port State Control

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Summary

- Introduction to NEAFC
- Historical review of IUU and PSC measures
- PSMA
- Conclusions

Convention Area and Regulatory Area (CA - RA)



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- 5 Contracting Parties

Denmark (in respect of Faeroe Islands and Greenland)

European Union

Iceland

Norway

Russian Federation

- 5 Cooperative Non-Contracting Parties

Bahamas

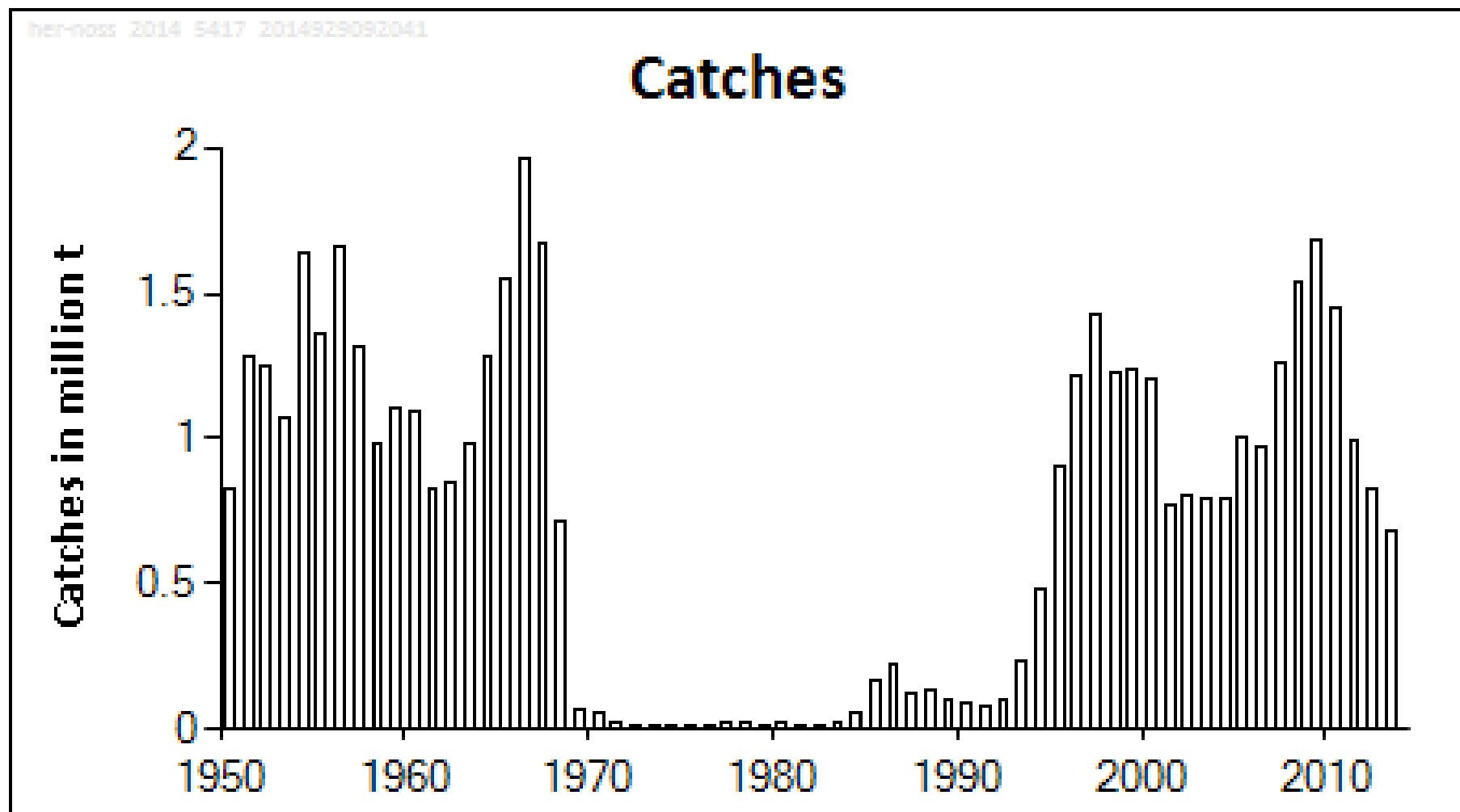
Canada

Liberia

New-Zealand

St Kitts and Nevis

Catches of Herring (NSS/ATS) from 1950

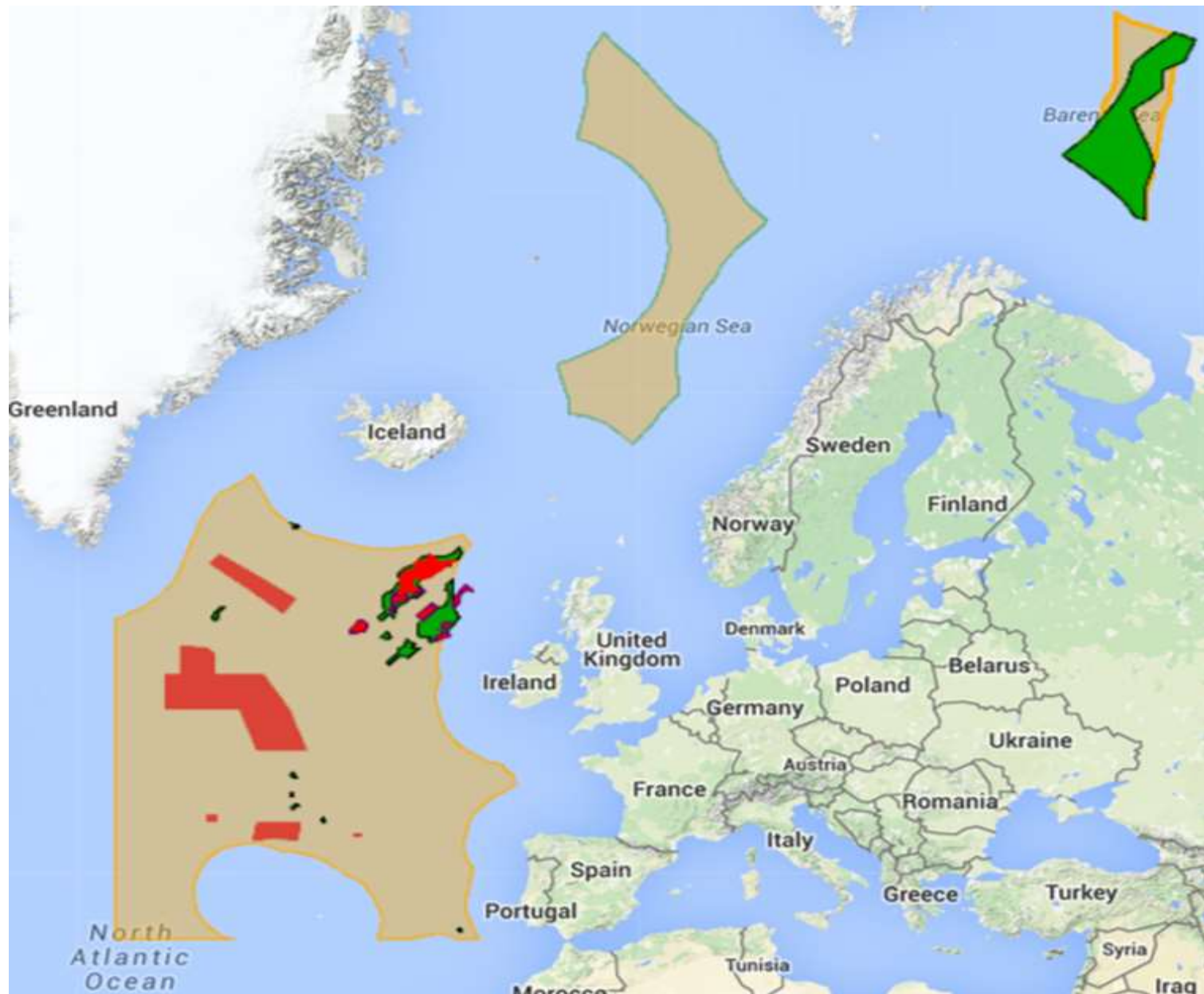


NEAFC Regulates

- Total Allowable Catches (and quotas)
 - Pelagic redfish (*Sebastes mentella*)
 - Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*)
 - Herring (NSS/ATS) (*Clupea harengus*)
 - Blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*)
- Effort regulation for deep sea species

NEAFC Regulates

- Closed and protected areas (VMEs)
 - Deep water corals (4)
 - Vulnerable habitats (5)
- Gear use
 - Temporary prohibition of gillnets (>200m)
- Specific conservation measures
 - Seasonal closures (spawning protection)
 - Ban on discards,
 - Special measures on specific species
 - Deep sea Sharks
 - Grenadiers
 - Skates
 - Chimaeras



Scheme of Control and Enforcement

- General provisions
- Control measures
- Monitoring of fisheries
- Inspections at sea
- Port state control of foreign FVs
- Infringements
- Measures to promote compliance by NCP FVs

1999

- Scheme to promote compliance by NCP vessels (NCP Scheme)
- Principle of “undermining the effectiveness of NEAFC measures”
- Observations of NCP vessels by a CP automatically sent to the Secretariat and distributed to all CPs
- Secretariat to contact the flag State of vessel to query about the activities

1999

- Transshipment between CP and NCP vessels prohibited
- Landing and transshipping in CP ports prohibited if NCP vessel operated in the Regulatory Area (RA)
- Port inspection reported by CP to be distributed to all CP by the Secretariat

2004

- NCP Scheme amended
- Introduction of the IUU concept
- IUU List A (provisional)
- IUU List B (confirmed)
- Port inspection of all NCP vessels

2004

- Prohibition of re-flagging, chartering, authorise to operate in EEZ of IUU listed vessels
- Supply and reefer vessels involved in fishing operations included in the definition of “fishing vessel”

2007

- Significant amendments of the Scheme of Control and Enforcement
- NCP Scheme becomes Chapter VII of the Scheme of Control and Enforcement
- Port State Control (PSC) introduced as Chapter V of the Scheme
- Applicable to frozen catches only

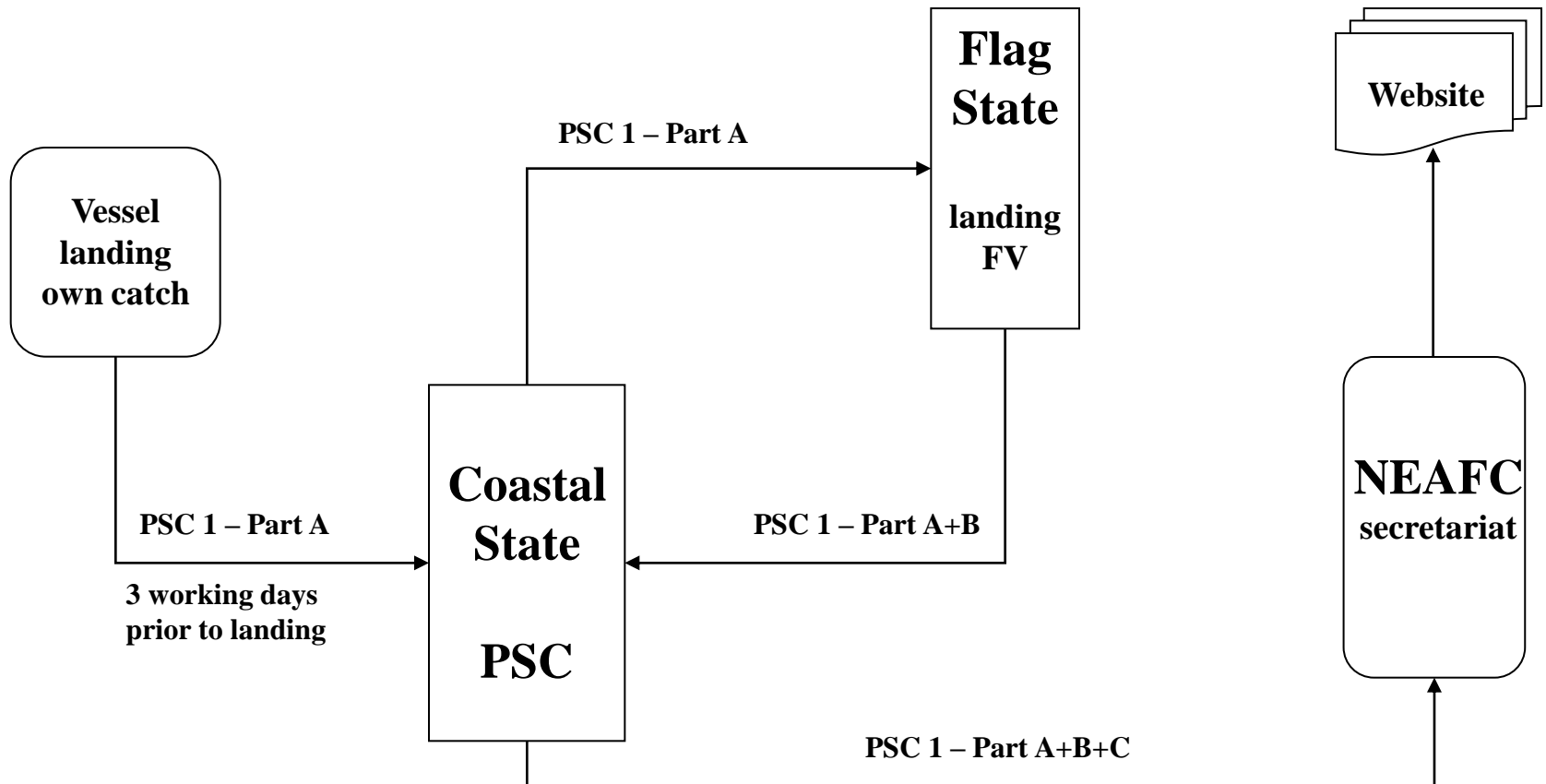
PSC - 2007

- Paper forms and fax based procedures involving the vessel operators, port State and flag State(s)
- Different forms:
 - PSC 1 for vessels landing own catch
 - PSC 2 for cargo vessels landing transhipped catches
 - PSC 3 for port inspection reports

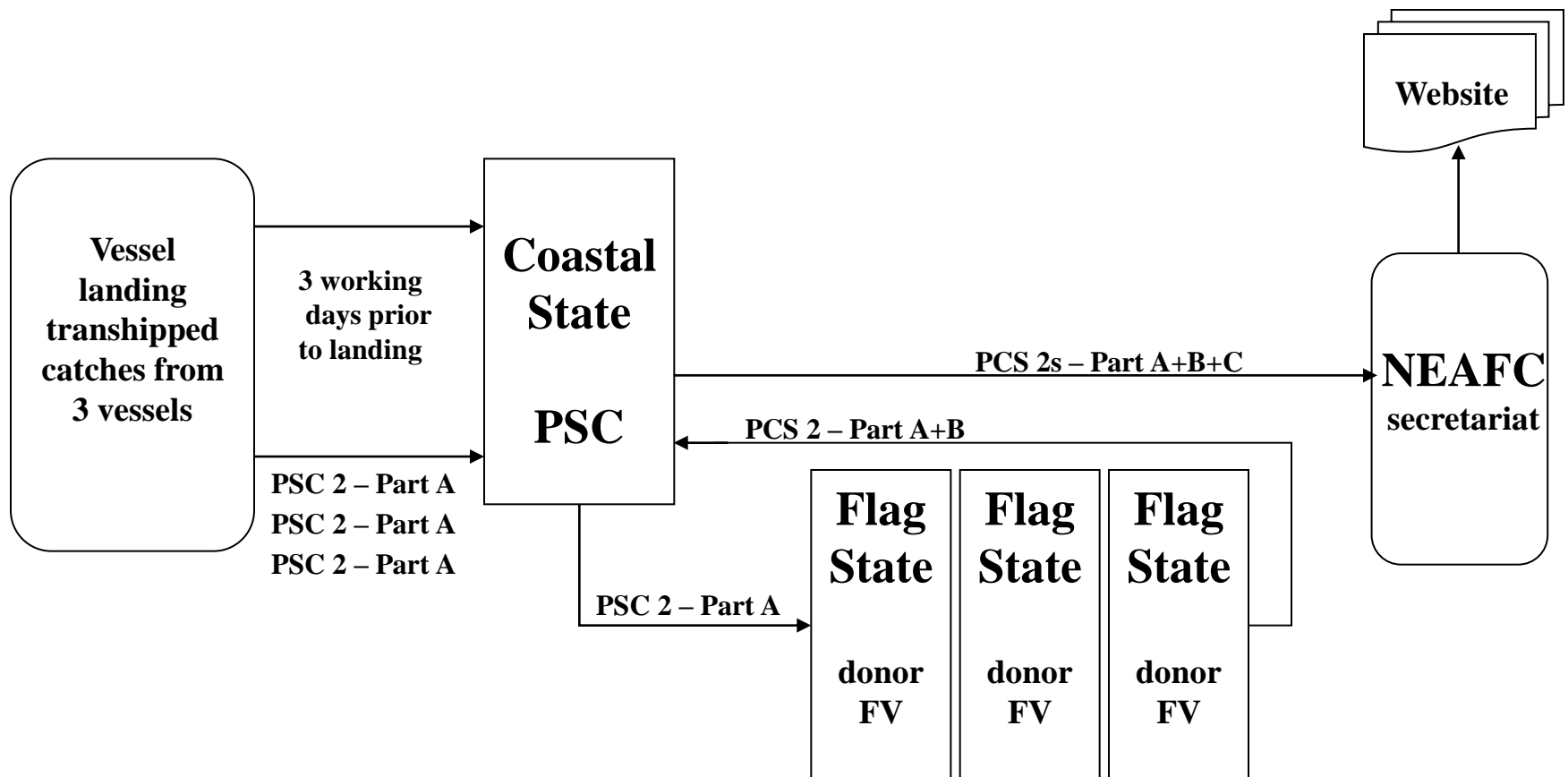
PSC - 2007

- PSC 1 and 2 forms part A to be filled by the vessel operators
- Part B by the flag State – confirming or denying legality of catches
- Part C approval or denying of the landing
- 15% of landings to be inspected

Vessel landing own catch



Vessel landing transhipped catches from other vessels



Flag State validation

- The vessel has quota for the catches declared?
- Quantities declared have been duly reported to FS and taken into account for calculation of catch or effort limitations?
- The vessel was authorised to fish in the area declared ?
- The presence of the vessel in the declared area was verified by VMS?

PSC - 2013

- Fully automated web-based procedures
- All previous requirements were kept but all procedures are online
- Requires the online registration of:
 - vessel operators
 - port State officials
 - flag State officials
- Over 1000 landings in 2014

PSC - 2015

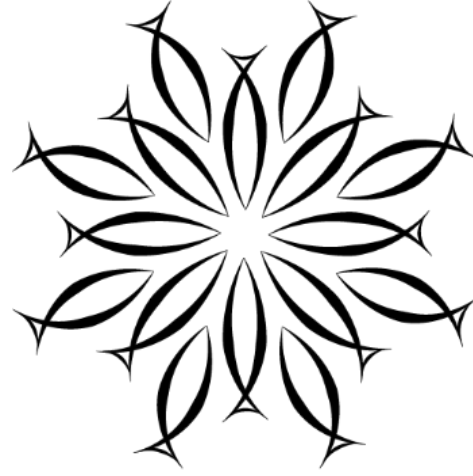
- After three years of preparatory work CPs agreed to further harmonise the PSC text with the PSMA
- New text came into force on 1st July 2015
- (3 CPs ratified the PSMA , 2 in the process)
- New scope include fresh and frozen products
- Maintained the flag State involvement in the procedures

PSC operations – 2009 to 2013

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Accepted	1799	1058	890	865	912	1002	1093
Cancelled	279	259	156	90	12	16	16
Denied	26	11	19	4	0	6	2
Inspected	126	108	103	120	122	135	154

Conclusions

- Last vessel listed in IUU lists in 2008
- Measures will have to be permanently evaluated
- When shortcomings are detected, timely amendments of measures are required
- Use of electronic communications optimises work of the different participants in the procedures



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