

## EU STAKEHOLDERS VIEWS ON REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION FAO-GFCM-COMHAFAT WORKSHOP – TANGIER, 6-8 DEC 2016



# PORT STATE MEASURES AGREEMENT

**TO PREVENT, DETER  
AND ELIMINATE ILLEGAL,  
UNREPORTED AND  
UNREGULATED FISHING**



Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations



# THE EU ADVISORY COUNCILS: LDAC

Advisory Councils are one of the main achievements of the EU CFP 2002. They acquired enhanced advisory role with entry into force of CFP on 1/1/2014.

## **Mission:**

To advise European Institutions on questions concerning:

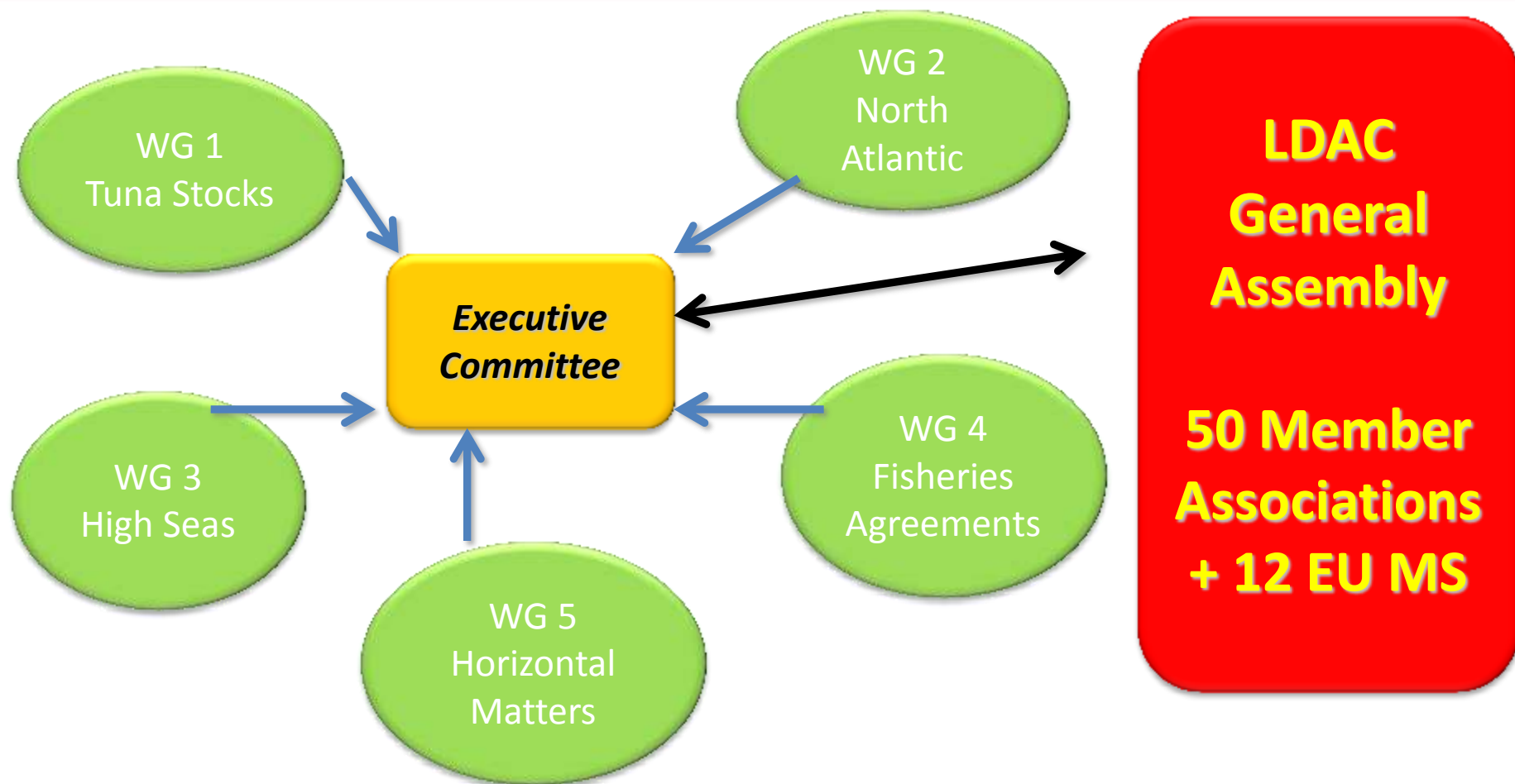
- a. Fisheries Agreements with third countries,
- b. Relations with the RFMOs of which the EU is a signatory or in whose waters the Community fleet operates,
- c. International fish markets and trade.

To contribute to the effective implementation of the External Dimension of the EU CFP outside Community waters.





# LDAC OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MEMBERS



# IMPORTANCE OF THE EU LONG DISTANCE FLEET (Data: STECF AER 2015)

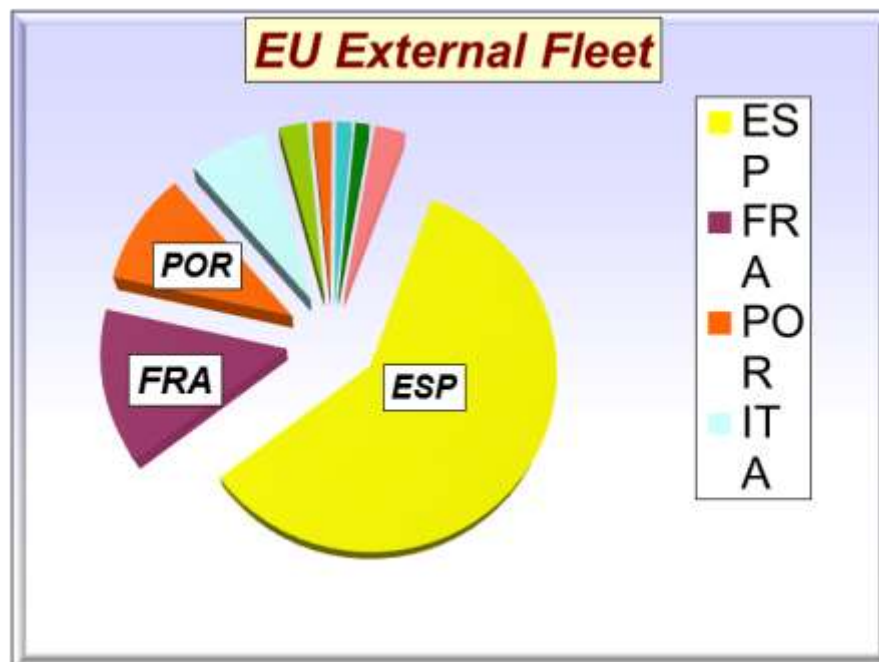
## NOT INCLUDING MEDITERRANEAN SEA

718 Vessels < 1% of EU Fleet operate in all oceans

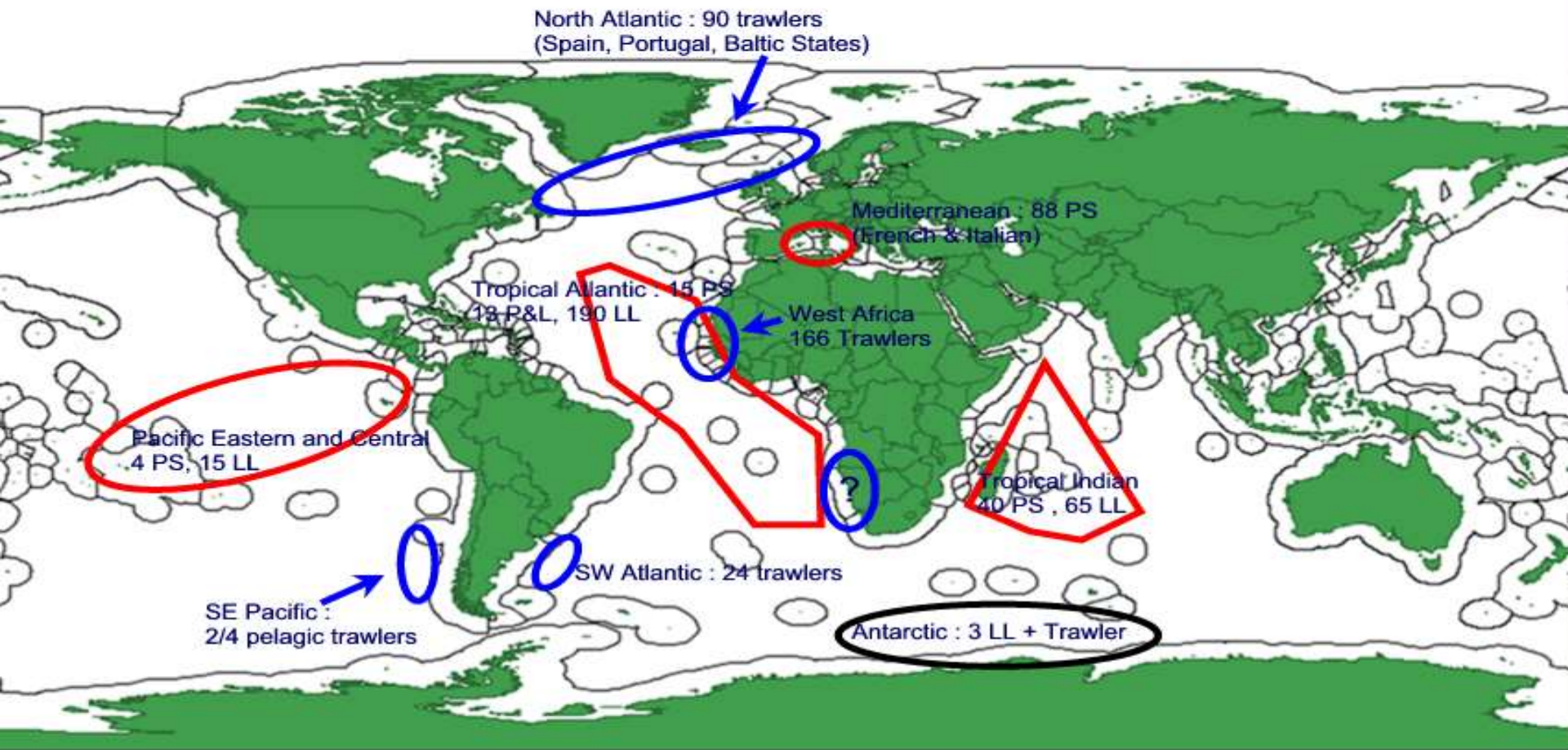
465,900 GT = 24% of EU Total GT

1.2 MT = 21% EU Catches

EU External Fleet	
ESP	424
FRA	100
POR	73
ITA	52
GRE	18
LIT	12
EST	10
UK	9
Others	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>718</b>



# WHERE THE EU FLEET OPERATES? BIRDS' EYE VIEW







# KEY FACTS OF IUU FISHING

(Source: FAO Regional Office Africa Report 2016)

- IUU fishing is estimated to strip between USD10 billion and USD23 billion from the seafood industry.
- Using outlawed fishing gear and violating quota limits may account for up to 26 million tons of seafood a year- more than 15 per cent of the total global output.
- Operating without proper authorization, catching protected species, using outlawed types of gear or disregarding catch quotas are among the most common IUU fishing activities.

**The Port State Measures Agreement will be the first legally binding (and enforceable) international treaty focused specifically on IUU fishing.**

# WHY IS FAO PSMA IMPORTANT?

- Efficient legislative instrument to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing, to improve traceability of fishing activities and to foster cooperation amongst parties.
- Complementary to existing EU Regulations on Fisheries Control and Fight against IUU Fishing → EU Market perspective
- Enhanced role of Port States in MCS with foreign vessels entering into ports (*minimum measures*).
- Harmonisation of control procedures (e.g. cross-check and verification of catch certificates?)
- Better catch reporting data for MS & RFMOs (ICCAT, NAFO...)

# Before PSMA



**Fishing boat**

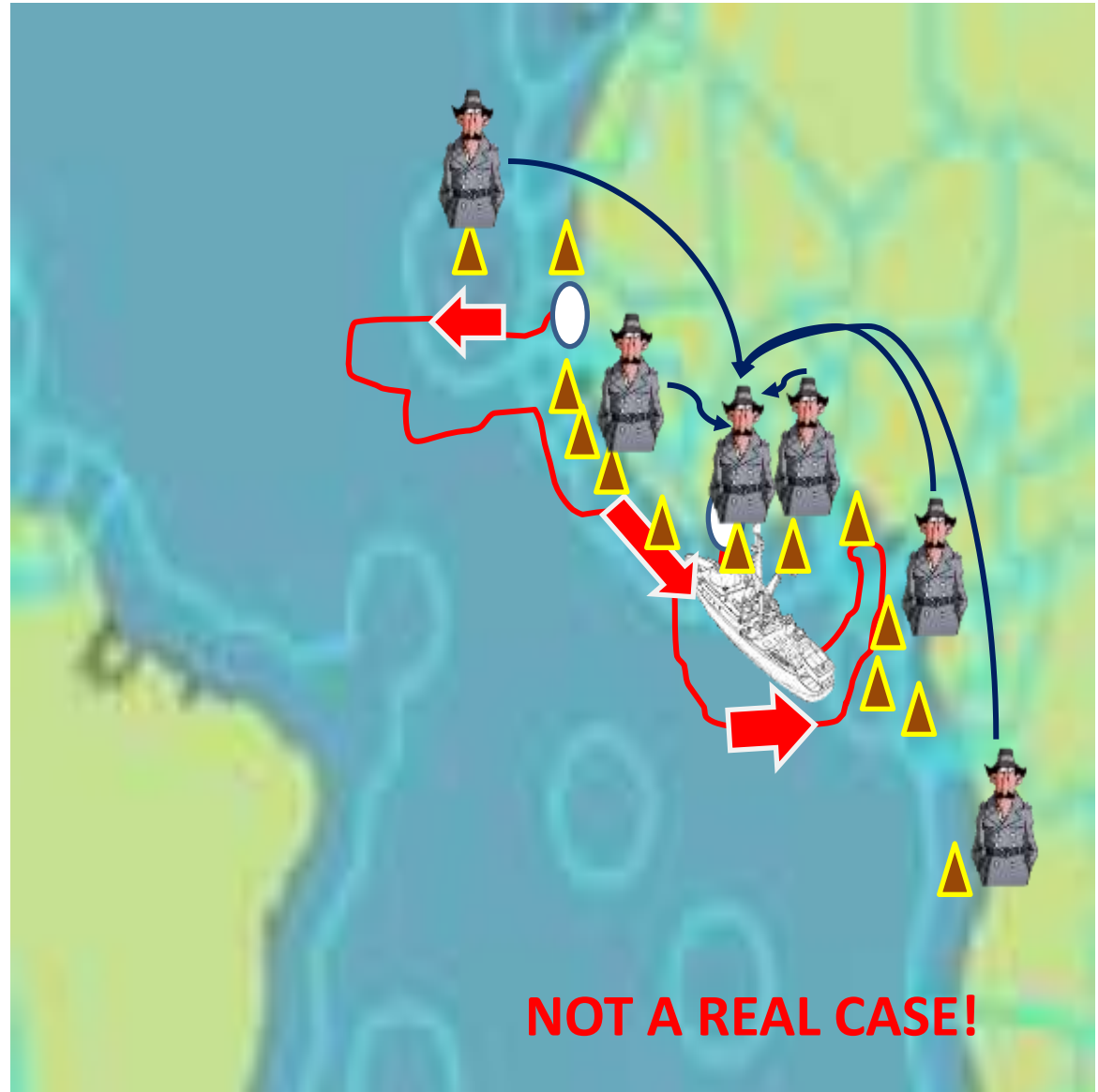
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 **SFPA (not real)**

 **Designated Port**

 **National Inspector (6)**

 **Inspection Trip (5)**





# After PSMA



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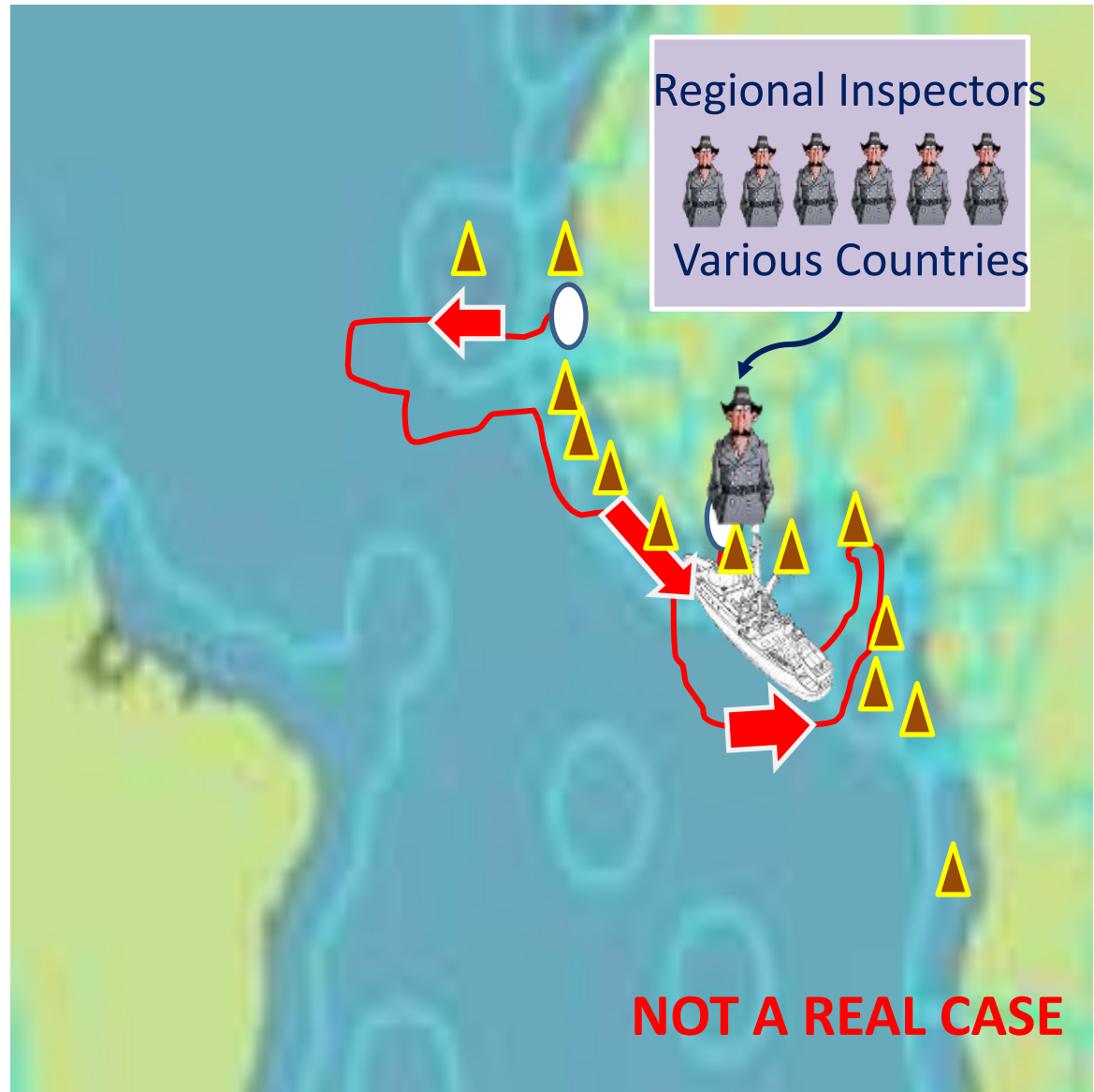
 **Fishing trip**

 **SFPAs (not real)**

 **Designated Port**

 **Regional Inspectors  
(6)**

 **Inspection Trip (1)**



**All countries with SFPAs accrediting regional observers, exchanging information and endorsing inspections**

# KEY PSMA PROVISIONS

- **Article 6:** Cooperation and Exchange of Information, at national, subregional, regional and global
- **Article 12:** Levels and Priorities for Inspection.
- **Article 13:** 2 (c) inspectors to verify compliance of documents with relevant management measures.
- **Article 15:** Transmittal of inspection results, (a) (i) info shared with relevant Parties and States, including other MS and RFMOs.

Aim: To achieve enhanced cooperation between African port states towards harmonisation of MCS systems and procedures, under existing (sub)-regional arrangements and access bilateral agreements (e.g. SFPAs EU-third countries).



# WILL PSMA BE SUFFICIENT TO DETER IUU FISHING?

## AN IMPORTANT TOOL BUT NOT THE ONLY

- Port measures are not enough on its own to identify and stop IUU activities which start at sea – alternative MCS instruments required:
    - VMS (with adequate satellite comms / centers)
    - Compliance or transparency observers program
    - At sea surveillance and inspection
    - Ban on transshipments at sea (100% landing policy)
- Regional collaboration between all parties required (incl. port / flag / coastal / market MS and international org)



## SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Monitoring, Control and Surveillance measures by port States must be assisted by:

1. More accurate recording, documentation and reporting of total catches (L+D) onboard fishing vessels
2. Electronic MCS (e-logbook, VMS...)
3. Increased regional observer coverage at sea (at least 20%), both through human and electronic means.
4. All landings at port, i.e. full prohibition of transshipments at sea.
5. Scheme of accredited inspectors at regional level.
6. Real-time catch certificate verification (no double entry)

## FAO PSMA: WHAT IS NEEDED?

- Need to increase number of ratifications and incorporation into national legislation from African MS (+30 to date in total, of which 8 in Africa + 3 signed).
- Capacity building: Implementation will require provision of adequate infrastructures, more resources in IT/HR and investment in MCS tools and data handling.
- Risk assessment: ensure effectiveness of detecting IUU.
- Training: Minimum harmonised qualification standards for inspectors (both core curricula) and operations.
- Regional strategy and cooperation, particularly for highly migratory and transboundary stocks (tuna & tuna-like).

## HOW CAN ALL THIS BE ACHIEVED? FUNDING

- Development of 2030 Agenda UN Sustainable Development Goals 2 (“Zero hunger”, Food Security and Nutrition) and 14.2 (Conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources by 2020)
- EU EMFF / DEVCO / SFPAs (Use of funds from sectoral support).
- Training programmes (e.g. EFCA manuals & missions)
- Regional control observer programmes at sea and at port – Projects funded or financial assistance available from DG MARE EMFF/DEVCO, World Bank, National Cooperation Agencies (GIZ, NOAA...)



- Annual Coordination Meeting (Vigo, Jan 2017)
  - Coordination of work priorities linked to MoU
  - Mtg with European Fisheries Control Agency (tbc)
- Support to COMHAFAT initiatives/work on:
  - Development of a regional observer programme
  - Collaboration in projects to foster transparency in decision making and stakeholders' participation in fisheries management in EU/African coastal states



- Strengthen compliance internationally – e.g. EU Communication on Ocean Governance
- Regional model for identification of IUU activities – e.g. ICCAT IUU Recommendation.
- Work towards a regional inspection scheme & operational tools - e.g. IOTC model e-PSMA
- Promote regional arrangements and harmonisation for MCS systems & procedures – e.g. regional VMS and observer schemes

- Recommendations of Las Palmas International Conference on EU-Africa cooperation (Sept 2015): <http://ldac.chil.me/ldac-edcfpconference2015>
- Opinion on Evaluation of Fisheries Control EC Reg. 1224/2009 <http://ldac.chil.me/download-doc/103543>
- Reply to EU Consultation to improving Application of IUU Reg (EC) 1005/2008 (March 2016) / Advice (Nov. 2016) <http://ldac.chil.me/download-doc/125741>
- Recommendations for enhancing observance and compliance with international laws on human, labour and social rights of workers in fishing sector (August 2016) <http://ldac.chil.me/download-doc/120604>





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