

# The EU's approach to regional fisheries inspection programmes, and sea-inspection methodologies

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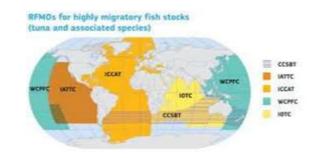


#### Why regional cooperation?

Common regional challenges call for common solutions: Operational coordination and Capacity building

By organising the best use of human and material resources pooled by MS, we can promote:

- Better basis for Risk Management
- Uniformity and effectiveness of control
- Increased transparency
- Level playing field for fishing industry
- Cost effective use of national control resources





**Common problem = common solution** 



# SCIP/Joint Deployment Plans for EU & 2 RFMO fisheries

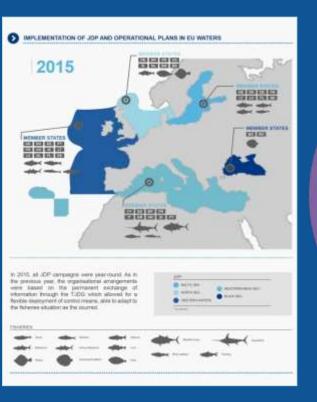
**What** - legal and operational instrument to coordinate control activities of EU Member States – currently 5 JDPs in place

Who - EFCA, EU Member States involved in fishery

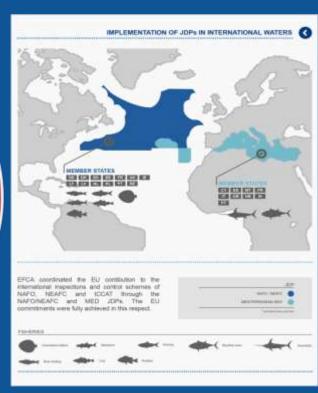
**How** - pooled resources; joint planning & tasking; harmonised inspections (at sea and on land); transparency; agreed benchmarks and risk management; analysis of SCIP outputs, etc.



#### Joint Deployment Plans (JDPs)









# The EU in the region: Joint operation "PEDRO CARDOSO NANCO" Aug/Sept 2016







STARS P250 AND P200 OF THE VEDETTE NDJAMBA MANE OF GUINEA GUINEA-BISSAU





PATROL VESSEL FERLO DU SENEGAL VEDETTE KUNTA KINTE GAMBIA

#### PATROL VESSEL KEDOUGOU DU SENEGAL

Co-funded by the EU the European Fisheries Control Agency participated

Assets: 5 patrol vessels, officials and inspectors from: Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and

Senegal

Results: 82 vessels controlled, 14 infringements detected (2 industrial Chinese vessels identified as fishing illegally in Guinea)



#### The EU in the region: Training for SFPA partner countries

3 trainings/year (2015: Guinea Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal) based on a standard training programme.

Development of a "basic" training course for countries with which the EU has a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SPFA).





#### **EU** resources available:

#### **Inspector training - Core Curriculum**



**E-learning** 



#### Sea-inspection: the basics

#### 3 main steps:

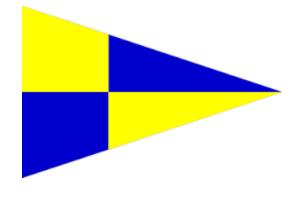
- 1- PREPARATION
- 2- INSPECTION (procedures depend of type of on the rules in place & fishery/vessel)

**Documentation** 

Fishing gear

Catches

3- REPORT/FOLLOW-UP







#### **Preparation**

- Know the rules in place (basis of the inspection, determines inspection procedures to be followed)
- Know your powers
- Use code of conduct to ensure behaviour is appropriate
- Understand the fishery, species id, gear
- Have the correct equipment (know how to use it!)
- Use standard operational procedures
- REVIEW/COLLECT/COMPARE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION (risk assessment):
  - **IUU lists**
  - FISHING PERMITS/LICENCES
  - **ENTRY/EXIT REPORTS OF AREA**
  - **NOTICE OF LANDING**
  - VMS/AIS
  - PREVIOUS INSPECTION REPORTS/OUTPUTS (sharing of info = key to effective planning!)
- ASSIGN SPECIFIC TASKS TO EACH INSPECTOR















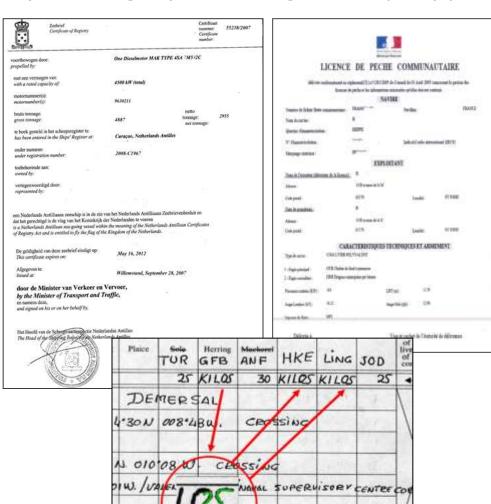
#### Inspection:

- Only board if SAFE
- Identify Master & introduce yourself (ID/warrant/letter)
- take control of the situation (can operations be paused if appropriate?), Request assistance (your reasonable requests should be followed or it is an 'obstruction').
- Explain what your intentions are
- When moving through the ship, be accompanied by crew assigned by the master (safety)
- Identify compliance with rules objectively (without assumptions)
- keep a diary, take note of <u>everything</u> (time, what was checked, findings easy to forget order, and you will be questioned in court)



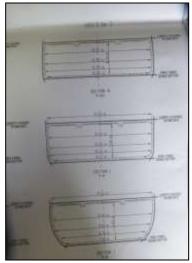
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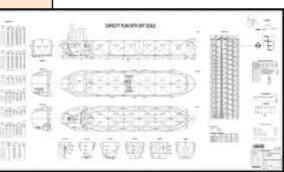
(cert. of registry, licence, logbooks, capacity plans of holds)













## **Check VMS transmission**





Example of VMS antenna (left) and transceiver (right)







Example of masked VMS antenna

VMS junction box with on/off switch

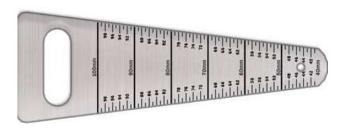
Displays in bridge

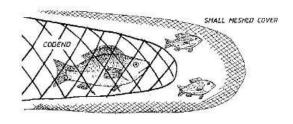


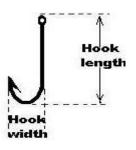
#### Gear

Measure mesh, check for attachments Measure hooks











#### Catch

- Verify: species, quantities (check holds (be accompanied), use stowage plan and capacity plan) (using conversion factors if processed),
- compliance with minimum sizes
- does it match Master's records?
- does it match what they are permitted to catch?



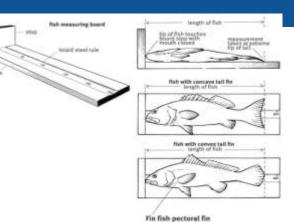




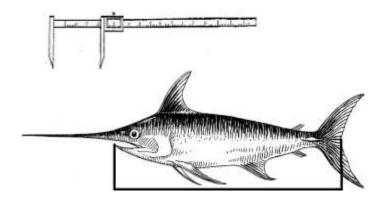














#### If infringement suspected

Consult with team before taking a decision Gather evidence – photos, seize samples Seal holds

Explain to Master – ask questions, note responses (interview)







#### Report

Report objective facts, not hearsay In case of infringement:

- Describe evidence collected in annex to the report (photos, copies of documents...)
- Ask the master to note any comments,& sign report
- Give a copy of the report to the master

#### Follow up

- Evidence handling record chain of custody
- Prepare for court read over statements/notes/have evidence ready



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