

EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY



Controlling EU waters effectively: The importance of quality data, information exchange and effective control and monitoring

Towards a new EU fisheries control system: How to deliver fully documented fisheries

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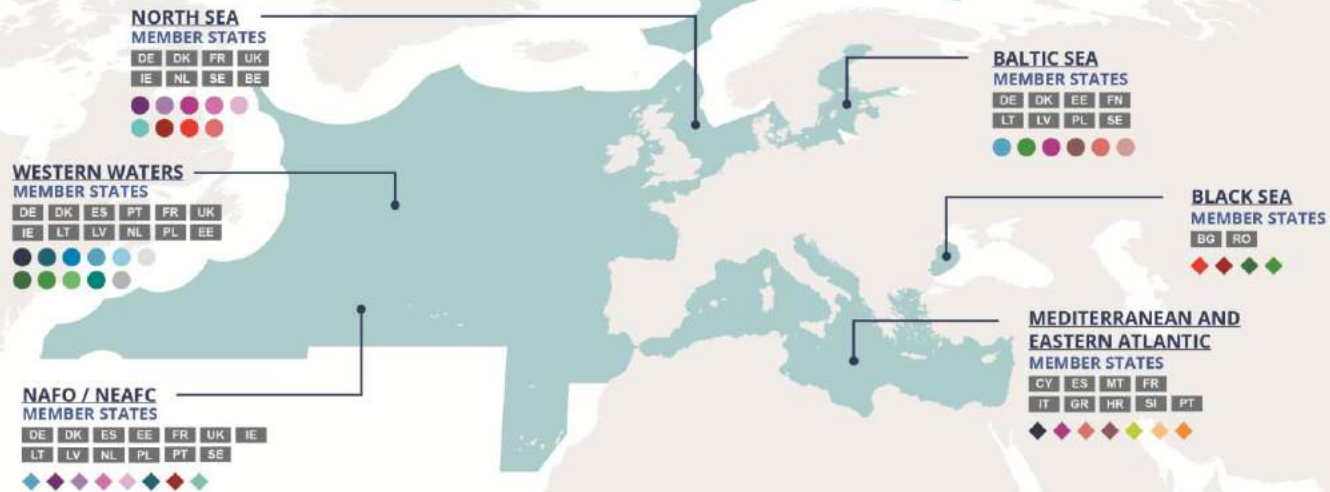


Setting the scene



- Different management measures call for different control and monitoring options
- The introduction of LO changes the paradigm from “landing quota” to “catch quota”
- JDPs facilitate the exchange of primary fisheries and control data (VMS, ERS, AIS) and provide a solid basis for regional risk management approach
- Improved data management framework and possible introduction of REM could ensure a continuous and more effective control and monitoring

Joint Deployment Plans



FISHERIES - EU WATERS

Pelagic species

- European anchovy
- Blue whiting
- Boarfish
- Atlantic herring
- Greater argentine
- Atlantic horse mackerel
- Sardine
- European sprat
- Sandeels
- Norway pout
- Whiting
- Mackerel

Demersal species

- Common sole
- European hake
- European plaice
- Northern prawn
- Norway lobster
- Saithe
- Haddock
- Atlantic cod
- Salmon
- Sea trout

FISHERIES - INTERNATIONAL WATERS

- ◆ Greenland halibut
- ◆ Mackerel
- ◆ Mediterranean swordfish
- ◆ Cod
- ◆ Redfish
- ◆ Turbot
- ◆ European sprat
- ◆ Sardin
- ◆ Eastern Atlantic bluefin tuna
- ◆ Herring
- ◆ European anchovy
- ◆ Blue whiting
- ◆ Haddock
- ◆ Deep sea species
- ◆ Piked dogfish
- ◆ Rapa whelk
- ◆ Hake
- ◆ Deep-water rose shrimp
- ◆ Albacore

Main JDP features



Year-round continuous joint campaign with MS concerned



Exchange of information on inspections, sightings and assets



Permanent data exchange in the region (VMS, ERS)



Pooling of joint inspection means (FPVs, flights)



Exchange of inspectors (at sea and on land)



MS experts deployment to Coordination Centre at EFCA



Regional Risk Assessment (based on fleet segments)



Prioritised inspections on highest risk categories, by target vessel lists



Specific actions for mitigation on priority issues





EFCA OPV



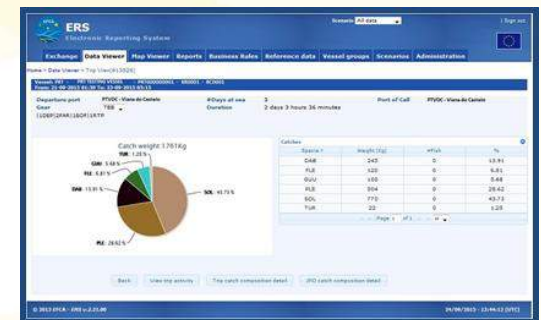
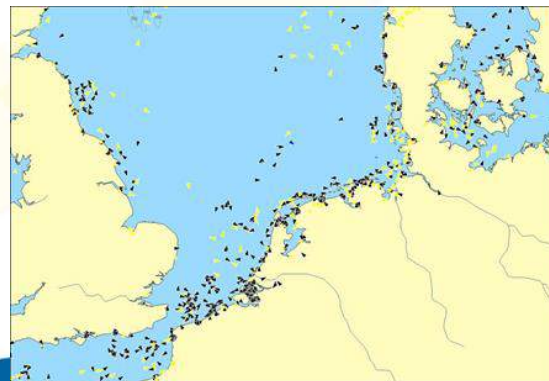
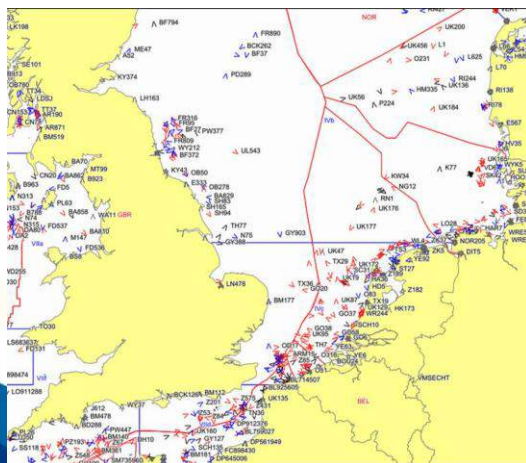
Available for joint operations under JDP coordination / Assist EU under international obligations/ Cooperation in European CG initiatives

Facilitates:

- Effectiveness
- Level playing field
- Exchange of best practices



- Permanent exchange of ERS and VMS, beyond the principles of control reg.
- Full regional view, facilitating risk assessment and promoting transparency





Data exchange: a possible way forward



- Strategy for data management at EU level:
 - Manage a central repository of EU MS fishery data (e.g. VMS, ERS,) and control data (e.g. EIR) with access to MS and COM
 - Fulfilment of the data related EU obligations under RFMOs and FPA, with a global view of EU fishing activity worldwide
 - EFCA ideally placed to provide general assistance to COM and MS in the context of data exchange and analysis



REM Technical Working Group



- REM TWG created on request of the MS and reinforced by the endorsement of the European Commission.
- Working group strictly of technical nature coordinated by EFCA.
- Dedicated to the definition of REM systems technical specifications and minimum requirements to ensure standardisation and level playing field is maintained in this area.
- The REM TWG considers technical requirements and associated procedures on how REM/CCTV could be best deployed on fishing vessels to provide means to effectively control and enforce the landing obligation at sea.



Technical Specifications: Main topics



- **Minimum requirements for a standard REM system specified for:**
 - Control box
 - Cameras (by type)
 - Sensors
 - System diagnostics
- **Related topics covered in the guidelines:**
 - Installation specification: Vessel Monitoring Plan (VMP)
 - Rules of operation: Logbook recording, catch handling, etc.
 - Technical aspects of data handling and analysis: Storage, retrieval, analysis software, risk-based selection viewing, etc.
 - System ownership
 - Cost estimates



EFCA INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES



Article 30 CFP

Compliance with international provisions

The Union shall, including through the European Fisheries Control Agency ("the Agency"), cooperate with third countries and international organisations dealing with fisheries, including RFMOs, to strengthen compliance with measures, especially those to combat IUU fishing, in order to ensure that measures adopted by such international organisations are strictly adhered to.

On request
of the
Commission

RFMOs (ICCAT, NEAFC, NAFO, GFCM, IOC)

- JDPs (Coordination, risk...)
- Support to EU delegation
- Assistance in cooperation

Third Countries, including SFPA

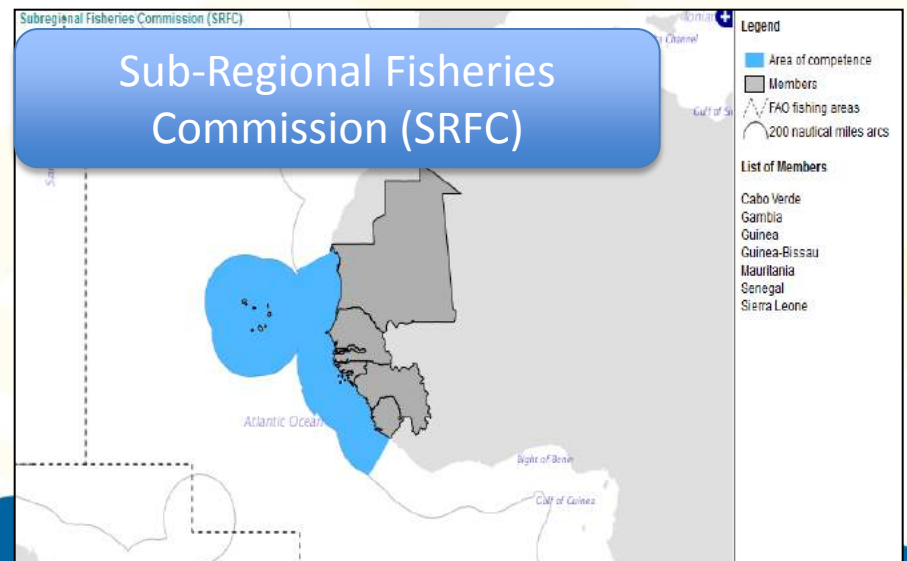
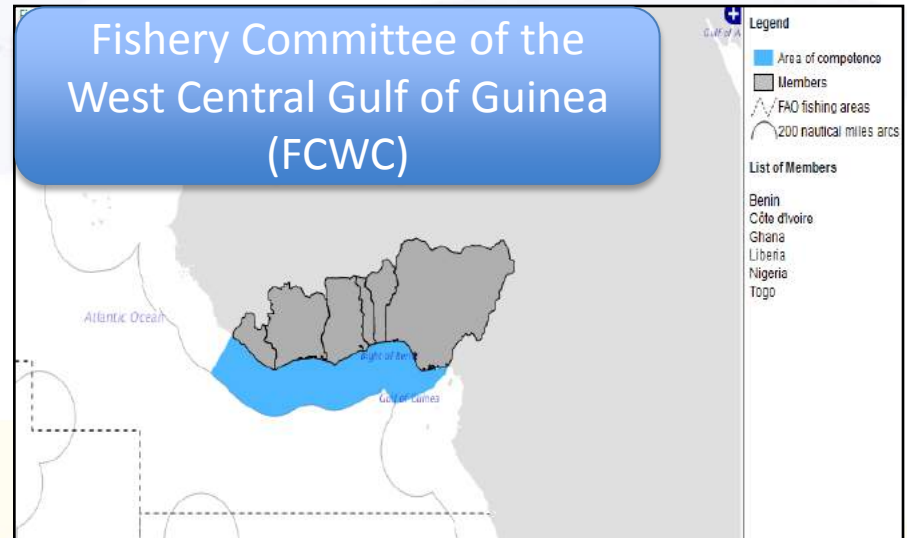
- Support to EU Delegation (Norway..)
- Training on request of the Commission
- IUU evaluation missions
- Assistance in cooperation
- PESCAO project

PESCAO 5 years' project in West Africa



EFCA contribution:

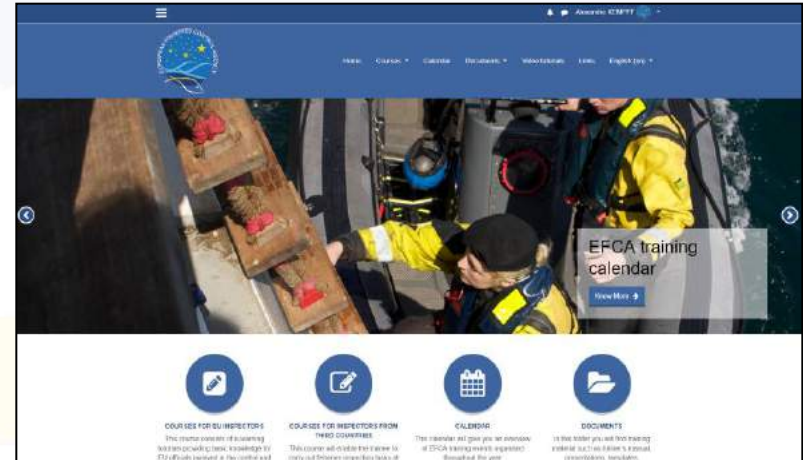
- ➔ Support to **FCWC** and **SRFC** in the fight against IUU fishing through improved **Monitoring, Control and Surveillance** at national and regional level



Training



- EFCA participated in 2018 in 35 training events for National Inspectors, Union inspectors, Third Countries inspectors and other officials
- Support to national training programmes: EFCA « step-by-step » methodology for trainers
- Training calendar/catalogue
- « Pool » of MS trainers
- Training manuals
- Multilingual e-learning platform
- Video tutorials





Training for non-EU countries

Assistance to the Commission



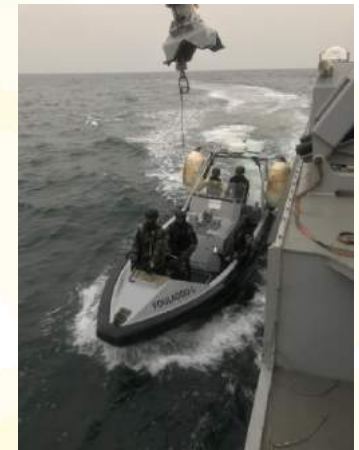
Medit. (GFCM) countries:

- Straight of Sicily pilot project: Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia;
- Black Sea: Georgia, Ukraine



Western African countries:

- 5 years' EU-funded project PESCAO: legal support to FCWC and SRFC, training, operational/technical support at national and regional levels





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