



**DECISION NO 14-I-5**  
**OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**  
**OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY**  
**of 13 March 2014**

**amending AB Decision No 13-II-08 of 15 October 2013**

**concerning the adoption of the Multiannual Work Programme for years 2014-2018  
and the Annual work programme for year 2014 and the Final Budget of the European  
Fisheries Control Agency for year 2014**

## THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005<sup>1</sup> establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'EFCA'), and in particular Article 23(2)(c) thereof,

### Whereas:

- (1) The reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), agreed by Council and Parliament is effective from 1 January 2014<sup>3</sup>.
- (2) In accordance with Article 30 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, "the Union shall, including through EFCA, cooperate with third countries and international organisations dealing with fisheries, including Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs), to strengthen compliance with measures, especially those to combat IUU fishing".
- (3) The Commission, by note dated 20 December 2013, has requested the assistance of EFCA so as to cooperate in matters relating to control and inspection in the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements concluded between the European Union and such countries.
- (4) The Commission, by note dated 13 January 2014, has requested EFCA to undertake the organisation of a Workshop on the implementation of ICCAT's Recommendation (Rec. 13-08) complementing the recovery plan for Bluefin Tuna.
- (5) The dissemination of Core Curricula (CC) courses would contribute to a better knowledge on the legislation in force, and a level playing field. The public should therefore be given access to CC training material through the "EU-bookshop store" managed by the Office of Publication (OPOCE);
- (6) The organisation of exchange of views on best practice is an important driver on level playing field enhancement.
- (7) The assessment on a wider scope for the exchange of Electronic Inspection Report data beyond JDP's should be considered.
- (8) The Administrative Board adopted at its 19th meeting held on 15 October 2013 the Multiannual work programme 2014-2018 and the Annual work programme 2014 of the European Fisheries Control Agency (AB Decision No 13-II-08).
- (9) EFCA has received a request from Frontex in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1052/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 establishing the European Border Surveillance System (Eurosur).

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<sup>1</sup> As amended.

<sup>2</sup> Since 1/1/2012 'European Fisheries Control Agency'.

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC.

- (10) The Multiannual work programme 2014-2018 and Annual work programme 2014 should therefore be amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Annex I to the Decision of the Administrative Board No 13-II-08 shall be amended as follows:

1. At the end of point 1.1.2.2, the following text shall be added:

"EFCA, through the "EU-bookshop store" managed by the Office of Publication (OPOCE), will make available to the public the Core Curricula (handbook and manual) developed in accordance with Article 7(a) and (b) of Regulation (EC) No 768/2005".

2. Point 1.1.3 shall be replaced by the following:

"1.1.3 Cooperation with third countries and RFMO on European Commission request:

Assistance to EU to cooperate with third countries and international organisations dealing with fisheries, including RFMOs, to strengthen operational organisation and compliance is envisaged, in particular:

- North Atlantic Coastal States in the North Sea, and Pelagic Western Waters JDPs;
- Russia in the Baltic Sea and NAFO-NEAFC regulatory areas;
- Other NEAFC and NAFO Contracting Parties;
- Mediterranean and Black Sea third countries (inter alia, candidate countries as Turkey and Southern Mediterranean countries) in the framework of GFCM;
- The decision for capacity building mission in the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements for 2014 does not prejudice for the subsequent years.

3. At the end of point 1.1.4 the following foot note shall be included:

"Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC".

4. In the Annual Work Programme 2014 activity fiches, the **tasks** under the **Mediterranean and Black Sea** fiche shall be replaced by the following:

- Adoption of Regional JDP Mediterranean Sea for 2014<sup>4</sup>
- Adoption of Joint Control Work Programme for Black Sea in 2014
- Meetings of the Steering Group and Technical Joint Deployment Group

<sup>4</sup> Subject to the adoption by the Commission of a Specific Control and Inspection Programme.



- Implementation of JDP Campaigns, including EFCA acting as CCIC and full use of EFCA systems inter alia VMS, ERS, MARSURV.
  - Adoption of Joint Control Programme for Pelagic Species in the Adriatic Sea if required by Member States
  - Workshop(s) and best practice for ICCAT CPCs on EC request
  - Workshop(s) and best practice for Member States ICCAT and Union inspectors and Joint Control Programme in the Black Sea
  - Additional contribution to the implementation of the training road map to Member States ICCAT and Union inspectors (regional/national level).
  - Upon request of the European Commission, training for Third Country inspectors
  - Participation of Agency staff as Union inspectors in international waters
  - JDP Risk analysis
  - JDP assessment
  - Assistance to EU Delegation for ICCAT and GFCM international meetings
  - Upon request of the European Commission assistance in relations with ICCAT and GFCM CPC third countries (Turkey, Montenegro, Southern Mediterranean countries)
  - To organise workshop(s) and/or seminar(s) on the sea basin regional approach and possible new provisions adopted by the CFP reform
  - Communication
5. In the Annual Work Programme 2014 activity fiches, the **deliverables** under the **Mediterranean and Black Sea** fiche shall be replaced by the following:
- JDP for 2014
  - Joint Control Work Programme for Black Sea in 2014
  - Joint Control Work Programme for Pelagic fisheries in the Adriatic Sea in 2014
  - Minutes of the Steering Group and reports by Technical Joint Deployment Group
  - Regional workshop for Black Sea to analyse outcomes of the 2013 turbot campaign and prepare draft national programmes for 2014
  - Joint campaign reports
  - Workshop(s) and best practice for Union inspectors involved in Mediterranean JDP, inspectors involved in the Joint Control in the Black Sea, Member States ICCAT Union inspectors (regional/national level) and ICCAT CPCs
  - Strategic plan of Joint campaigns based on risk analysis
  - Reports of participation of Agency staff to the meetings organised assisting the European Commission in the relations with International organisations (ICCAT, GFCM) and ICCAT and GFCM CPC third Countries (Turkey, Montenegro and Southern Mediterranean countries)
  - Annual report on assessment of effectiveness of JDP, including results of analysis of the existence of non-compliance risk
  - Workshop(s) and/or seminar(s) on the sea basin regional approach and possible new provisions adopted by the CFP reform
  - Communication of JDP results on the Agency web site
6. In the Annual Work Programme 2014 activity fiches, the **tasks** under the **Programmes, Plans and assessment** fiche shall be replaced by the following:
- To define a common strategy aiming at the most effective implementation of all phases of the JDP cycle (planning, implementation and assessment)

- To define a general strategy (objectives, planning, assessment and follow-up) of the EFCA workshops(s) and best practice actions for Union Inspectors in JDPs
  - Assistance to the European Commission or the Member States in projects related to the implementation of the CFP (e.g. sampling plans, regionalisation, landing obligations, expert group for compliance)
  - To establish joint regional risk analysis systems in all JDPs
  - To implement a project in JDPs with the objective to identify the Member States legal procedures and requirements to be considered by Union inspectors when acting in waters of another Member State
  - Implementation of a project to evaluate compliance trends in fisheries<sup>5</sup>.
  - Implementation of a project to analyse the cost-effectiveness of control operations<sup>6</sup>.
  - To define common procedures and establish best-practices in order to ensure that coordination of control activities is organised efficiently
  - Ensure the adequate coverage of the EFCA coordination centre during the JDP campaigns
  - Within the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements, on EC request, to assist Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast in the establishment and/or maintenance of a reliable control system<sup>7</sup>
  - Within the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements, on EC request, to organise exchange of inspectors with Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast<sup>8</sup>
  - To organise best practice meetings to improve the level playing field
7. In the Annual Work Programme 2014 activity fiches, the **deliverables** under the **Programmes, Plans and assessment** fiche shall be replaced by the following:
- Report on contribution to the training road map.
  - Reports on the results of projects requested by the European Commission or Member States to facilitate the implementation of CFP measures.
  - Report on assistance actions and follow-up.
  - Report on MS procedures and requirements to be considered by Union inspectors when acting in waters of another Member State and follow-up.
  - Report on regional risk analysis actions and follow-up.
  - Report on the implementation of the project to evaluate compliance trends in fisheries.
  - Report on the implementation of the project to analyse the cost-effectiveness of control operations.
  - 3 meetings of the Focus Groups 1 and 2
  - Road map 2014 to ensure that coordination of control activities is organised efficiently.
  - 1 Workshop for CCIC/ACC representatives
  - Report detailing responsibilities, functions and best-practices for the coordination of control activities and follow-up.
  - Report detailing standard operational procedures for JDPs coordination from EFCA
  - Assistance in establishing and/or maintaining a reliable control system in Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast in the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements on EC request

<sup>5</sup> Focus Group I (AB meeting on 10 October 2012).

<sup>6</sup> Focus Group I (AB meeting on 10 October 2012).

<sup>7</sup> Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 30000€.

<sup>8</sup> Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 30000€.



- Organisation of exchange of inspectors with Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast in the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements on EC request
  - Organisation of best practice meetings to improve the level playing field
8. The legal basis under the Annual Work Programme 2014 activity fiches concerning **Data Monitoring and Networks** and **Training** shall include Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency.
9. In the Annual Work Programme 2014 activity fiches, the **tasks** under the **Data Monitoring and Networks** shall be replaced by the following:
- To organise meetings of the Working Group on Data Monitoring and Networks for the exchange of best practices in related fields of interest
  - To continue the development, enhancement, maintenance and integration of the EFCA ICT applications<sup>9</sup> in support to JDPs control and inspection activities
  - To successfully operate the EFCA systems for the real-time exchange of operational fisheries related data between MS and EFCA over the Data Exchange Highway (DEH)
  - To monitor and strengthen the security of the ICT environment for the exchange of data, documents and information in relation to JDPs
  - Within the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements, on EC request, to assist Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast in the establishment and/or maintenance of control system IT tools and data management (e.g. ERS, VMS)<sup>10</sup>
  - To assess on a wider scope for the exchange of Electronic Inspection Report (EIR) data beyond JDP's
  - To participate and contribute to the EU fisheries experts group meetings and workshops
10. In the Annual Work Programme 2014 activity fiches, the **deliverables** under the **Data Monitoring and Networks** shall be replaced by the following:
- Feasibility studies, user needs analysis, project management reports
  - EFCA applications developed, enhanced, upgraded and implemented according to planning
  - E-learning platform
  - System availability rate for the real-time exchange of data, documents and information in relation to JDPs
  - Improved operational monitoring capabilities for JDPs
  - IT contracts signed and implemented according to plan
  - Test reports
  - Project Management Scoreboard
  - Assistance in the establishment and/or maintenance of control system IT tools and data management (e.g. ERS, VMS) in Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast in the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements on EC request<sup>11</sup>
  - Assessment on a wider scope for the exchange of EIR data beyond JDP's

<sup>9</sup> See section 1.1.2.1. Data monitoring and networks.

<sup>10</sup> Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 30000€.

<sup>11</sup> Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 30000€.

- Reports and statistics on the Fishnet, ERS, EIR and VMS usage and data exchange metrics
- Reports on the implementation of the IT Security policies and the IT Project Management standards, training materials
- Meeting documentation, minutes and reports

11. In the Annual Work Programme 2014 activity fiches, the **tasks** under the **Training** fiche shall be replaced by the following:

- To provide engineering and methodological support in the field of training in particular for the development of the Core Curricula
- To successfully manage and monitor the Core Curricula project following agreed rules of procedures of the SGTEE and WGTEE, review and validation steps for the development of training modules<sup>12</sup>, guidelines, and policy for the management of Member States comments
- To make available Core Curricula courses on EFCA E-Learning platform and to promote the utilisation of the Core Curricula modules for the training of Fisheries inspectors
- To assist Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast in the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements in the development of inspection training programmes and/or training manuals for trainers on EC request<sup>13</sup>
- To provide training to third countries on EC request
- To promote the exchange of knowledge and best practice on control and inspection
- To organise meetings or seminars on training and exchange of experience, in particular on the development of indicators for measuring the effectiveness of capacity building mainly focusing on training<sup>14</sup>

12. In the Annual Work Programme 2014 activity fiches, the **deliverables** under the **Training** fiche shall be replaced by the following

- Core Curricula training courses (content, teaching and learning aids)
- Training modules
- Training modules availability
- E-learning platform
- Assistance to Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast in the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements in the development of inspection training programmes and/or training manuals for trainers on EC request<sup>15</sup>
- Training to third countries on EC request
- Meeting documentation, minutes and reports

<sup>12</sup> Administrative Board Recommendations on EFCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendation 2.3.2), 15 March 2012 ([http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs\\_basicdocs.htm](http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm)).

<sup>13</sup> Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 30000€.

<sup>14</sup> Administrative Board Recommendations on EFCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendation 2.5.2), 15 March 2012 ([http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs\\_basicdocs.htm](http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm)).

<sup>15</sup> Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 30000€.



13. In the Annual Work Programme 2014 activity fiches, the objectives tasks and deliverables under the **Maritime Surveillance, pooled capacity and IUU** fiche shall be completed as follows:

**Objectives:** To contribute to the implementation of the EU IMP and the CFP, continuing cooperation in Maritime Affairs with Member States, the European Commission, relevant EU agencies and external bodies, including Eurosur Regulation;

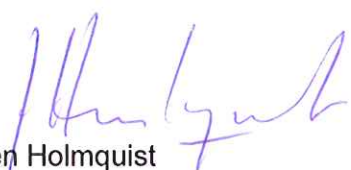
**Tasks:** to assist Frontex in the implementation of the Eurosur Regulation where EFCA is concerned;

**Deliverables:** facilitate Member States VMS data to Frontex, subject to the agreement of the Members States to a Service Level Agreement between Frontex and EFCA<sup>16</sup> and operational areas to be defined.

#### *Article 2*

This decision shall take effect on the day of its adoption.

Done at Vigo on 13 MAR. 2014

  
Jörgen Holmquist  
Chair of the Administrative Board

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<sup>16</sup> The Service Level Agreement shall guarantee that the proper level of security and no dissemination is ensured by Frontex without prejudice of any national or legal concern raised by a Member State or amendment in the CFP rules applying.