



**DECISION NO 14-II-4
OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY
of 17 October 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 2005¹ establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency² (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 2014³.
- (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 Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements was agreed by the Administrative Board as approx. 30 000€ in March 2014, by AB Decision No 14-I-5 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.
- (5) The Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Cape Verde has been recently renewed. In order to organise a mission to this country before the end of 2014, the budget allocated in the MWP 2014-2018 and AWP 214 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements should be increased by 5 000€.
- (6) AB Decision No 13-II-08 should therefore be amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Decision of the Administrative Board No 13-II-08 is amended as follows:

1. 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)

¹ As amended.

² Since 1/1/2012 'European Fisheries Control Agency'.

³ 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.

- 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 fisheries⁴
 - Implementation of a project to analyse the cost-effectiveness of control operations⁵.
 - 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 system⁶
 - Within the framework of Fisheries Partnership Agreements, on EC request, to organise exchange of inspectors with Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast⁷
 - To organise best practice meetings to improve the level playing field
2. 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 applications⁸ 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)⁹
 - 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

⁴ Focus Group I (AB meeting on 10 October 2012).

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⁶ Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 35000€.

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⁸ See section 1.1.2.1. Data monitoring and networks.

⁹ Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 35000€.

3. 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 request¹⁰
 - Assessment on a wider scope for the exchange of EIR data beyond JDP's
 - 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
4. 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 modules¹¹, 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 request¹²
 - 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 training¹³

¹⁰ Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 35000€.

¹¹ 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).

¹² Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 35000€.

5. 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 request¹⁴
- Training to third countries on EC request
- Meeting documentation, minutes and reports

Article 2

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

Done at Vigo on 17 October 2014



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¹³ 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).

¹⁴ Budget availability during 2014 for activities in third countries under Fisheries Partnership Agreements: approx. 35000€.