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**DECISION NO 15-W-03**  
**OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**  
**OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY**

**Of 26 June 2015**

**amending AB Decision No 14-II-05 of 17 October 2014**

**concerning the adoption of the Multiannual Work Programme for years 2015-2019  
and the Annual work programme for year 2015 and the Final Budget of the European  
Fisheries Control Agency for year 2015**

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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) EFCA has been informed at the IUU ad-hoc expert group meeting held on 19 February 2015 in Brussels that the European Commission has decided to develop a European Union (EU)-wide electronic system and database to support and facilitate the implementation of the EU-IUU catch certification scheme through existing "TRACES" system.
- (2) A risk of duplication of work between the European Commission and EFCA as regards its impact study to explore the feasibility of an IUU electronic catch certificate and cooperation model to facilitate the enhancement of an IUU risk management strategy was identified at the EFCA Administrative Board meeting held on 5 March 2015.
- (3) The Administrative Board adopted at its 21th meeting held on 17 October 2014 the Multiannual work programme 2015-2019 and the Annual work programme 2015 of the European Fisheries Control Agency (AB Decision No 14-II-05).
- (4) The Multiannual work programme 2015-2019 and Annual work programme 2015 should therefore be amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Annex I to the Decision of the Administrative Board No 14-II-05 is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 1.1.B is replaced by the following:

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**B- Support the Union in the international dimension of the CFP and the fight against IUU activities**

According to the CFP regulation<sup>3</sup> and EFCA remit for IUU and RFMOs in other EU legislation, **on request of the European Commission**, the Agency will:

- Assist the Union to cooperate with third countries and international organisations dealing with fisheries, including RFMOs, to strengthen operational coordination and compliance. It is envisaged, in particular:

<sup>1</sup> As amended.

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

<sup>3</sup> Article 30 new CFP basic regulation: "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".

- Third countries, as:
    - o North Atlantic Coastal States in the North Sea,
    - o Baltic Sea and NAFO-NEAFC regulatory areas,
    - o Other NEAFC and NAFO Contracting Parties and
    - o Mediterranean and Black Sea third countries (*inter alia*, candidate countries and Southern Mediterranean countries) in the framework of GFCM;
  - RFMOs as NAFO, NEAFC, GFCM and ICCAT;
  - In line with the above paragraph, to organise seminars on operational coordination and/or capacity building involving RFMO, third countries and Coastguards Fora;
  - Support the European Commission as requested in the evaluation missions of third countries (*4 missions per year*);
  - Support the European Commission in capacity building missions in the framework of fisheries partnership agreements (*3 missions per year*)<sup>4</sup>;
  - Assist the Member States in a cooperation model to facilitate the enhancement of an IUU risk management strategy;
  - Assist the Member States in the development of a common methodology for IUU catch certificate verification and cross checks with various sources of intelligence, including Maritime Surveillance data;
  - The PACT approach (see footnote n°10) would also apply to these missions and IUU training sessions could move to operational cooperation.
2. Paragraph 1.2.E, fourth bullet, is replaced by the following:  
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- Explore and carry out an impact study on the feasibility of specific management applications for assisting the risk management strategy and the reporting of SCIP related activities of the Member States and on some emerging technologies in order for Member States to obtain clear evidence of cost benefit in relation to the traditional control means, (*cf. article 11 of the Control Regulation*);”
3. In the Annual Work Programme 2015 activity fiches, the **Level playing field enhancement** and **Data Monitoring and Networks** fiches shall be replaced by the following:  
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<sup>4</sup> The selection of the missions to third countries shall be based on the European Commission strategy with third countries which will be presented to the Board.

ACTIVITY: LEVEL PLAYING FIELD ENHANCEMENT			
STAFF (3.5 TAD, 8.5 TAST)	STANDARD BUDGET (404 000€)	ABMS €2,526,445	TARGETS
OBJECTIVES	DELIVERABLES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGETS
Assist Member States and the Commission in harmonising the application of the Common fisheries Policy, including through PACT regional projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistance to Member States and the Commission in projects related to the implementation of the CFP, including PACT regional projects</li> <li>Organisation and reports on the regional steering group meetings</li> <li>Planning and assessment of the regional control operations, including PACT regional projects</li> <li>Support to MS on pilot projects or ToR for evaluation of emerging technologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning of control operations delivered timely</li> <li>Assessment reports 2014 delivered before 30 June 2015</li> <li>ID cards issued for new Union Inspectors where info and photos have been provided</li> <li>Road map issued for PACT regional projects proposed by MS</li> <li>Project evaluation or ToR</li> </ul>	<p>Q4</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>1</p>
Provide assistance to the European Commission and the Member States in order to ensure uniform and effective application of the rules of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 and fight IUU fishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mission preparation, on the spot visits and reports on evaluation missions in third countries</li> <li>Analysis of catch certificates and processing statements</li> <li>Development of a common methodology for IUU catch certificate verification and cross checks</li> <li>Organisation and reports on the IUU steering group meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of missions in third countries</li> <li>Percentage of planned missions completed</li> <li>Number of mission reports</li> <li>Number of catch certificates and processing statements analysed</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <p>100</p> <p>4</p> <p>1500</p>
Promote a level-playing field at EU level and vis-à-vis RFMO's and third countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report of results of assistance in relation with third countries</li> <li>Report on the implementation of the tasks delegated to EFCA in relation to RFMOs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of third countries to which EFCA assisted in comparison with EC requests</li> <li>No delay in the implementation of the tasks delegated by the EC</li> </ul>	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p>
<b>Multiannual index to be used as a tendency for compliance evaluation purposes</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the IUU domain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of evaluation missions, dialogue missions, and follow-up missions to third countries</li> <li>Number of catch certificates and processing statements analysed and processed</li> <li>Number of reports produced within 3 weeks of the completion of the evaluation mission</li> <li>Number of third countries to which the IUU risk management strategy has been applied</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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<b>ACTIVITY: DATA MONITORING AND NETWORKS</b>			
<b>STAFF</b>	<b>STANDARD BUDGET</b>	<b>ABMS</b>	
<b>(1.5 TAD, 2,5 TAST, 0,5 SNE)</b>	<b>(630 000€)</b>	<b>€1,684,484</b>	
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>	<b>TARGETS<sup>5</sup></b>
Develop and strengthen the skills, abilities, processes and resources that Member States need for the uniform application of the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy in the field of data monitoring and networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User-defined application IT tools for the provision of an integrated maritime awareness picture</li> <li>• Continue the development, enhancement, maintenance and integration of the EFCA ICT applications in support to operational activities                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Impact study to explore the feasibility of a specific management application for assisting the risk management strategy and reporting of SCIP related activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EFCA applications developed, enhanced, upgraded and implemented according to planning</li> <li>• Number of Impact study delivered</li> </ul>	95%
Provide guidance and to facilitate the exchange of best practice for building capacities in the areas of data monitoring and networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feasibility studies, user needs analysis, project management reports</li> <li>• E-learning platform</li> <li>• IT contracts signed and implemented according to plan</li> <li>• Test reports</li> <li>• Project Management Scoreboard</li> <li>• Reports on the implementation of the IT Security policies and the IT Project Management standards, training materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings minutes prepared, and circulated along with all associated documents</li> <li>• Project Management Scoreboard</li> </ul>	<p>100% of the meetings shall be documented</p> <p>The progress of 100% of the ongoing projects in the DMN-section shall be monitored in a scoreboard</p>

<sup>5</sup> To be refined.

<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting documentation, minutes and reports</li> <li>Implementation of the plan to move to "infrastructure as a service" approach and the possible deployment of EFCA servers in another hosting site</li> <li>Active participation and expert input in the CISE project, attendance to the TAG and associated project meetings</li> <li>Effective information sharing and exchange of best practices in the framework of IMP and interagency cooperation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation to TAG meetings (CISE)</li> <li>Effective exchange of information sharing with FRONTEX and EMSA.</li> <li>Attendance to inter-agency maritime workshops and seminars</li> </ul>	<p>60% attendance to meetings and seminars</p>
<p>Further improve and develop the usage of external information sources not readily available at the Agency for fisheries control purposes in order to improve risk analysis, control and monitoring at EU level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision to the Member States of the EFCA EIR system as a SaaS (Software as a Service) and analysis of the feasibility of expanding the concept to other EFCA applications.</li> <li>A smart CCIC concept providing access to Member States to maritime information systems and applications, in line with the operational and user requirements</li> <li>Participate in and follow research projects that explores the use of Earth Observation data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>User evaluation on availability of Maritime applications and tools at EFCA Operations coordination centre</li> </ul>	<p>&gt; 90% satisfaction by participating MS</p>

*Article 2*

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

Done at Vigo on 26 June 2015



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