

1. Joint Campaign Details

Joint Deployment Plan	North Sea 2023		
Joint Campaign	JDP-NS-2023		
Reporting period	From 1st of January till 30th of June 2023		
Participation	Belgium (BE), Denmark (DK), France (FR), Germany (DE), The Netherlands (NL), and Sweden (SE).		
Operational area	EU waters of ICES divisions 3a, 4b, 4c		
MS in EFCA Coordination Centre	MS	Number of experts	Person-days
	NL	1	44

2. General objective

To ensure compliance with the requirements of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1986 and Regulation (EU) 2018/973 of the European Parliament and of the Council, by means of a coordinated programme of inspections of fishing vessels (FV) at sea and in ports of landing.

3. Summary

This report is covering the joint campaign activities in the North Sea (NS) Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) operational area for demersal and pelagic species. The report provides overall summary information concerning the joint control activities carried out by air, sea and shore-based assets and inspection teams of the participating Member States (MS) from 1st of January until 30th of June 2023. This report also includes an analysis of the implementation of specific actions (SA) agreed for this period.

The information presented has been extracted from the EFCA database according to the activity submitted by the MS within the context of the NS JDP. Only those data that met certain quality criteria were recorded in the EFCA database. The extraction of data was done on 21st of July 2023 and concerns NS related inspections and sightings, patrols, and targets.

a) Inspections ashore

There were 525 inspections carried out ashore during this Joint Campaign reporting period, with a total of 31 suspected infringements detected on 31 vessels.

b) Inspections at sea

There were 179 inspections carried out at sea during the reporting period, with 17 suspected infringements detected on 15 fishing vessels.

c) Aircraft surveillance

During the reporting period, 515 sea sightings and 577 sightings by aircraft were reported. As a result of one (1) sighting at sea, one (1) suspected infringement was detected.



ANNEX I

JDP-NS-2023-01 ACTIVITY RECORDS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ¹

A. DEPLOYED CONTROL MEANS

MS	FPV		Aircraft	Exchanges of Inspectors			
	Days at sea		No. of Flights	Joint Teams at sea		Mixed Teams ashore	
	JDP committed sea days executed	Other patrols sea days (sea days with events ²)		Man-days Deployed	Man-days Hosted	Man-days Deployed	Man-days Hosted
MS	362	32	75	36			
EFCA	18				36		
TOTALS	380	32	75	36	36		

B. JOINT CONTROL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

		total
SURVEILLANCE	Sightings reported by aircraft	577
	Sightings reported by FPV	515
SEA ACTIVITIES	Number of inspections by FPV	179
	Number of targeted inspections by FPV	86
LAND ACTIVITIES	Number of inspections in MS	525
	Number of targeted inspections in MS	178

¹ As per JDP global planning

² For other patrols the days at sea information is provided on a basis of the count of the total of days at sea with at least one event (sighting, inspection) reported by patrol vessels not committed to JDP during the reporting period.

C. RESULTS OF CONTROL ACTIVITIES

		Totals
SURVEILLANCE	Sightings reported by aircraft	577
	Sightings with suspected infringements	-
	<i>% of sightings with suspected infringements</i>	
	Total of suspected infringements	
	Sighting of targets	1120
	Sighting of targets with suspected infringements	-
SEA	Number of F/V inspected by FS	179
	Number of F/V with detected suspected infringement	15
	<i>% of inspected F/V with detected suspected infringement</i>	8.4
	Total number of suspected infringements detected	17
	Total number of targeted inspections	86
	Total number of targeted inspections with suspected infringements	8
LAND	Number of F/V inspected by FS	525
	Number of F/V with detected suspected infringement	31
	<i>% of inspected F/V with detected suspected infringement</i>	5.9
	Total number of suspected infringements detected	31
	Total number of targeted inspections	178
	Total number of targeted inspections with suspected infringements	13



D. TYPE OF SUSPECTED INFRINGEMENTS DETECTED DURING THE JOINT CONTROL OPERATIONS

Suspected Infringement Category		Total
Non-compliance with the Landing Obligation and associated misreporting	Illegal discard of species subject to LO	1
	Marketing for direct human consumption of undersize fish subject to LO	3
Non-compliance with conservation measures	Fishing in closed area/period/depth	2
	Non-compliant gear	3
	Catch retained on board, landed, stored, or transported fish that should have been discarded at sea	2
	Catch retain on board, land, store, or transport of fish below MCRS not subject to LO	1
	Not equipped or not operational AIS	5
Non-compliance with the recording and reporting obligations	Not recorded, mis recorded, not reported, or not reported in due time of fishing operation declaration	2
	Not recorded, mis recorded, not reported, or not reported in due time of catch declaration	6
	Not recorded, not reported catch of fish below minimum legal size/weight in the catch declaration	1
	Difference between catch reported and landing exceeding the legal margin of tolerance	3
	Not submitted, not submitted on time, or submitted incorrectly the PNO	3
	Not recorded, mis recorded, not reported, or not reported in due time the landing declaration	1
	Absence or Incorrect stowage plan	5
	Other SI related with fishing vessel recording and reporting obligations operations	3
Other types of non-compliance	Obstruction to work of inspectors	2
	Absence or incorrect weighing of catches at landing	1
	Other SI related with post harvesting operations at sea or land-based operations	1
	Other SI not included in other categories	2
Total		47