

## 1. Joint Campaign Details

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|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Joint Deployment Plan</b>    | <i>Western Waters - 2023</i>   |                          |                    |
| <b>Joint Campaign</b>           | <i>JDP WW 2023-01</i>  |                          |                    |
| <b>Reporting period</b>         | <i>1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023</i>  |                          |                    |
| <b>Participation</b>            | <i>Belgium (BE), Germany (DE), Denmark (DK), Spain (ES), Estonia (EE), France (FR), Ireland (IE), Lithuania (LT), Latvia (LV), The Netherlands (NL), Poland (PL) and Portugal (PT)</i> |                          |                    |
| <b>Operational area</b>         | <i>EU waters of ICES 27.6, 27.7, 27.8, 27.9 and 27.10, and of CECAF 34.1 and 34.2</i>  |                          |                    |
| <b>EFCA Coordination Centre</b> | <i>MS</i>  | <i>Number of experts</i> | <i>Person-days</i> |
|                                 | <i>IE</i>  | <i>1</i>                 | <i>5</i>           |
|                                 | <i>ES</i>  | <i>2</i>                 | <i>12</i>          |
|                                 | <i>PL</i>  | <i>2</i>                 | <i>7</i>           |

## 2. General objective

To ensure compliance with the requirements of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1986, and Regulation (EU) 2019/472 of the European Parliament and of the Council, by means of a coordinated program of inspections of fishing vessels (FV) at sea and on land.

## 3. Summary

This report is covering the joint campaign activities in the Western Waters (WW) Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) operational areas for demersal and pelagic species. The report provides an overview of the information registered by the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) in a database concerning the joint control activities that were carried out by air, sea and shore-based assets and inspection teams of the participating Member States (MS) from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This report also includes an analysis of the implementation of specific actions (SAs) agreed for the period.

The information presented has been extracted from the EFCA database according to the activity submitted by the MS within the context of the WW JDP. Only those data that met certain quality criteria were recorded in the EFCA database. The extraction of data was done on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and it concerns the WW related inspections and sightings, patrols, and targets.

### a) Inspections ashore

During the reporting period there were 1934 inspections carried out ashore, the majority on landings, but also including 14 transport inspections to trucks and 4 market inspections. The inspection teams

reported in total 137 suspected infringements related to FV and 1 suspected infringement detected during a transport inspection.

b) Inspections at sea

During the reporting period there were 340 inspections carried out at sea with 61 suspected infringements reported.

c) Sightings

During the reporting period there were 409 sea sightings and 249 air sightings reported by the maritime and aircraft deployments respectively, and there were 3 suspected infringements reported at sea and 1 suspected infringement detected during an aircraft surveillance flight.



**ANNEX I**

**JDP-WW-2023-01 ACTIVITY RECORDS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD<sup>1</sup>**

**A. DEPLOYED CONTROL MEANS**

| MS/XF        | FPV                             |   | Aircraft  | Exchanges of Inspectors |                 |                    |                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|              | Days at sea                     |   |           | Joint Teams at sea      |                 | Mixed Teams ashore |                 |
|              | JDP committed sea days executed | Other patrols sea days (sea days with events <sup>2</sup> ) |           | Man-days Deployed       | Man-days Hosted | Man-days Deployed  | Man-days Hosted |
| <b>MS</b>    | 99                              | 59  | 44        | 503                     | 20              | 15                 | 15              |
| <b>EFCA</b>  | 252                             | -   | 4         | -                       | 483             | -                  | -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>351</b>                      | <b>59</b>   | <b>48</b> | <b>503</b>              | <b>503</b>      | <b>15</b>          | <b>15</b>       |

<sup>1</sup> As per WW JDP global planning

<sup>2</sup> The sea-days information is provided on a basis of the count of the total sea-days with at least one event (sighting, inspection) reported by patrol vessels not committed to the JDP during the reporting period.

**B. JOINT CONTROL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT**

|                          |   | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>SURVE<br/>ILLANCE</b> | Sightings reported by aircraft                      | <b>249</b>   |
|                          | Sightings reported by FPV                           | <b>409</b>   |
| <b>BUSINESS</b>          | Inspections   | <b>4</b>     |
|                          | Inspections with suspected infringements            | <b>0</b>     |
|                          | % of inspections with infringements                 |              |
|                          | Total of suspected infringements                    |              |
|                          | Inspections of targets                              | <b>0</b>     |
|                          | Inspections of targets with suspected infringements |              |
| <b>TRANSPORT</b>         | Inspections   | <b>15</b>    |
|                          | Inspections with suspected infringements            | <b>1</b>     |
|                          | % of inspections with infringements                 | <b>6.6</b>   |
|                          | Total of suspected infringements                    | <b>1</b>     |
|                          | Inspections of targets                              | <b>0</b>     |
|                          | Inspections of targets with suspected infringements |              |
| <b>LAND</b>              | Inspections   | <b>1915</b>  |
|                          | Inspections with suspected infringements            | <b>104</b>   |
|                          | % of inspections with infringements                 | <b>5.4</b>   |
|                          | Total of suspected infringements                    | <b>137</b>   |
|                          | Inspections of targets                              | <b>510</b>   |
|                          | Inspections of targets with suspected infringements | <b>28</b>    |
| <b>SEA</b>               | Inspections   | <b>340</b>   |
|                          | Inspections with suspected infringements            | <b>47</b>    |
|                          | % of inspections with infringements                 | <b>13.8</b>  |
|                          | Total of suspected infringements                    | <b>61</b>    |
|                          | Inspections of targets                              | <b>76</b>    |
|                          | Inspections of targets with suspected infringements | <b>4</b>     |



C. TYPE OF INFRINGEMENTS DETECTED DURING THE JOINT CONTROL OPERATIONS

| CODE         | DESCRIPTION   | TOTAL      |
|--------------|---|------------|
| VAM-020      | Automatic Identification System (AIS)                     | 7          |
| REP-070      | Catch declaration   | 13         |
| REP-072      | Catch declaration - fish below minimum legal size/weight  | 1          |
| REP-073      | Catch declaration - margin of tolerance                   | 49         |
| PHO-020      | Catch retained  | 3          |
| PHO-021      | Catch retained - species below MCRS                       | 5          |
| CLS-020      | Closed area, closed period or depth range                 | 7          |
| REP-090      | Discards declaration                                      | 1          |
| REP-010      | Electronic fishing logbook                                | 2          |
| DUT-010      | Failure to ensure safety of officials                     | 9          |
| GEA-010      | Fishing gear  | 19         |
| REP-060      | Fishing operation declaration                             | 2          |
| DUT-020      | Interference with officials                               | 11         |
| PHO-080      | Landing authorisation                                     | 1          |
| REP-150      | Landing declaration                                       | 1          |
| AUT-020      | Licence and authorisation                                 | 4          |
| GEA-030      | Marking and identification fishing gear or fishing device | 4          |
| OTH-999      | Other   | 1          |
| AUT-999      | Other Authorisations and certification requirements       | 2          |
| GEA-999      | Other Fishing gear or fishing method                      | 1          |
| REP-999      | Other fishing vessel recording and reporting obligations  | 5          |
| VAM-999      | Other Vessel Activity Monitoring Obligations              | 1          |
| REP-020      | Paper Fishing logbook                                     | 2          |
| REP-140      | Prior notification of arrival entry in port               | 12         |
| CLS-010      | Prohibited species or stock                               | 3          |
| CER-010      | Quota and catch limits                                    | 15         |
| PHO-040      | Stowage   | 5          |
| REP-160      | Stowage plan  | 7          |
| DUT-040      | Tampering with evidence                                   | 1          |
| PHO-060      | Transshipment   | 1          |
| VAM-010      | Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)                            | 1          |
| PHO-070      | Weighing at landing                                       | 7          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |   | <b>203</b> |