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Ref. 12-monthly report for the 2023 North Sea joint campaign

## 1. Joint Campaign Details

<b>Joint Deployment Plan</b>	North Sea 2023		
<b>Joint Campaign</b>	JDP-NS-2023		
<b>Reporting period</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> January to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023		
<b>Participation</b>	Belgium (BE), Denmark (DK), France (FR), Germany (DE), The Netherlands (NL), and Sweden (SE).		
<b>Operational area</b>	EU waters of ICES divisions 3.a, 4.b, 4.c		
<b>MS in EFCA Coordination Centre</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>Number of experts</b>	<b>Person-days</b>
	DE	2	9
	DK	2	10
	NL	1	80
	PL	1	19

## 2. General objectives

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 (FVs) 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 an overall summary of 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 1<sup>st</sup> January until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 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 reports (ACTREPs) submitted by the MS within the context of the NS JDP. Only data that meet certain quality criteria were recorded in the EFCA database. The extraction of data was completed

on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 and concerns NS related inspections, sightings, patrols, and targets reported to EFCA.

a) Inspections ashore

There were 990 inspections carried out ashore during the reporting period. The majority of the inspections were carried out on vessels' landings and 3 on vehicles. During these inspections ashore a total of 63 suspected infringements were detected on 58 vessels and 1 truck.

b) Inspections at sea

There were 382 inspections carried out at sea during the reporting period, with 41 suspected infringements detected on 35 FVs. At sea, the MS inspectors monitored a total of 681 433 kg of JDP species, and a further 157 789 kg of non JDP species were also inspected.

c) Aircraft surveillance

During the reporting period MS and EFCA reported 1053 sightings done by aircraft. No suspected infringements were detected.



## ANNEX I

### JDP-NS-2023-01 ACTIVITY RECORDS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD <sup>1</sup>

#### 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	Other patrols sea days (sea days with events <sup>2</sup> )		Man-days Deployed	Man-days Hosted	Man-days Deployed	Man-days Hosted
BE	32	3	38	9		5	
DE	106	33		12			
DK	176	86	41	12		15	15
ES				6			
FR							
NL	116	7		72	3		
PL				13			
SE	45	3	75			10	15
EFCA	78		15		121		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

#### B. JOINT CONTROL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY PARTICIPATING MS AND EFCA

		BE	DE	DK	FR	NL	SE	EFCA <sup>3</sup>	total
SURVEILLANCE	Sightings reported by aircraft	163	-	260	-	-	565	65	<b>1053</b>
	Sightings reported by FPV	4	407	288	-	56	-	50	<b>805</b>
SEA ACTIVITIES	Inspections	45	26	158	-	84	33	36	<b>382</b>
	Inspections with suspected infringements	13	2	12	-	3	2	3	<b>35</b>
	% of inspections with infringements	28.9	7.7	7.6	-	3.6	6	8.3	<b>9.1</b>
	Total of suspected infringements	14	3	16	-	3	2	3	<b>41</b>
	Inspections of targets	13	15	59	-	48	5	19	<b>159</b>

<sup>1</sup> As reported in daily SITREP to EFCA.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Events reported by MS inspectors in a joint team deployed aboard of EFCA OPV and events from EFCA fixed wing aircraft deployments.

		BE	DE	DK	FR	NL	SE	EFCA <sup>3</sup>	total
Inspections of targets with suspected infringements		4	1	4	-	1	-	2	12
LAND ACTIVITIES	Inspections	21	10	510	2	102	342	-	987
	Inspections with suspected infringements	8	-	19	2	19	10	-	58
	% of inspections with infringements	38.1		3.7	100	18.6	2.9		5.6
	Total of suspected infringements	9		22	2	19	10		62
	Inspections of targets	-	5	208	-	56	14		283
	Inspections of targets with suspected infringements			10		10	-		20
TRANSPORT	Inspections	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	Inspections with suspected infringements	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	% of inspections with infringements	33.3							33.3
	Total of suspected infringements	1							1
	Inspections of targets	-							
	Inspections of targets with suspected infringements								



C. RESULTS OF CONTROL ACTIVITIES BY FISHING VESSEL FLAG

		BE	DE	DK	FR	IE	NL	SE	Non-EU	Totals
SURVEILLANCE	Sightings reported by aircraft	67	11	414	2		144	401	14	<b>1053</b>
	Sightings with suspected infringements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>% of sightings with suspected infringements</i>									
	Total of suspected infringements									
	Sighting of targets	1	7	179	-		18	21	-	<b>226</b>
	Sighting of targets with suspected infringements									
SEA	Number of F/V inspected by FS	30	30	123	-	-	142	37	20	<b>382</b>
	Number of F/V with detected suspected infringement	5	2	7			15	3	3	<b>35</b>
	<i>% of inspected F/V with detected suspected infringement</i>	16.7	6.7	5.7			10.6	8.1	15	<b>9.2</b>
	Total number of suspected infringements detected	5	2	10			18	3	3	<b>41</b>
	Total number of targeted inspections	1	25	44			84	5	-	<b>159</b>
	Total number of targeted inspections with suspected infringements	-	2	1			9	-		<b>12</b>
LAND	Number of F/V inspected by FS	33	39	456	3	-	85	320	51	<b>987</b>
	Number of F/V with detected suspected infringement	9	4	14	3		18	9	1	<b>58</b>
	<i>% of inspected F/V with detected suspected infringement</i>	27.3	10.3	3.1	100		21.2	2.8	3.3	<b>5.9</b>
	Total number of suspected infringements detected	10	4	17	3		18	9	1	<b>62</b>
	Total number of targeted inspections	1	28	189	-		50	15	-	<b>283</b>
	Total number of targeted inspections with suspected infringements	-	3	8			9	-		<b>20</b>
TRANSPORT	Number of F/V inspected by FS	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	<b>3</b>
	Number of trucks with detected suspected infringement			-			1			<b>1</b>
	<i>% of inspected F/V with detected suspected infringement</i>						50			<b>50</b>
	Total number of suspected infringements detected						1			<b>1</b>
	Total number of targeted inspections						-			
	Total number of targeted inspections with suspected infringements									

**D. TYPE OF SUSPECTED INFRINGEMENTS DETECTED DURING THE JOINT CONTROL OPERATIONS BY FISHING VESSEL FLAG**

Suspected infringement category		BE	DE	DK	FR	UK	NL	NO	SE	Total	% Total
Non-Compliance with the Landing Obligation and associated misreporting	Marketing for direct human consumption of undersize fish subject to LO	-	-	2	-	-	5	-	-	7	7
	Illegal discard of species subject to LO	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	4	4
	Not recorded, misrecorded or not reported catch of fish below minimum legal size/weight in the catch declaration	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
	Not recorded, misrecorded, not reported of discards declaration	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	2
Non-compliance with conservation measures	Non-compliant gear	1	1	3	-	1	4	-	3	13	13
	Not equipped or not operational AIS / VMS	2	1	3	2	-	2	-	-	10	10
	Fishing in closed area/period/depth	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	5	5
	Catch not stowed according to rules	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	4	4
	Exceeding bycatch limits	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
	Fishing without valid authorisation / licence	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	Absence or non-conformity with fishing gear / device identification	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
	Catch retain on board, land, store, or transport of fish below MCRS not subject to LO	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
Retain on board, land, store or commercialise a fish product in a not permitted presentation	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	
Non-compliance with the recording and reporting obligations	Difference between catch reported and landing exceeding the legal margin of tolerance	2	-	3	-	-	3	-	1	9	9
	Not submitted, not submitted on time, or submitted incorrectly the PNO	2	2	-	-	-	3	-	1	8	8
	Not recorded, misrecorded, not reported or not reported in due time the landing declaration	3	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	7	7
	Absence or Incorrect stowage plan	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	5
	Not recorded, misrecorded, not reported or not reported in due time of fishing operation declaration	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
	Not recorded, misrecorded, not reported or not reported in due time of catch declaration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3
	Absence or incorrect transport documentation	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
	Not equipped or not operational e-logbook	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
Other SI related with fishing vessel recording and reporting obligations operations	1	-	3	-	-	1	1	4	10	10	

Other types of non-compliance	Obstruction to work of inspectors	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	3
	Absence or incorrect weighing of catches at landing	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
	Other SI related with post harvesting operations at sea or land-based operations	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
	Other SI not included in other categories	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>104</b>	

