EFCA is one of the European Union agencies, located in Vigo (Spain).

**EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY**

**EFCA**

**EUROPEAN UNION INSPECTORS**

- Member States Union Inspectors: 1991
- Fishing vessels in the European Union: 83,734
- EFCA-coordinated inspections: 20,074
- Apparent infringements: 829

**OFFICIALS TRAINED:** 875

**EFCA STAFF:** 73

**EFCA BUDGET (2018):** 16.8M€

**EFCA PROMOTING FISHERIES COMPLIANCE**

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CONTROL AND INSPECTION IN THE EU

Fisheries rules and control systems are agreed on at EU level, but implemented by the Member States by means of their national authorities and inspectors. To achieve sustainable fisheries, there must be a culture of compliance throughout the fishing industry, which is one of the principle objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), and the European Fisheries Control Agency helps to work towards this objective.

EFCA’s Tasks

- EFCA coordinates the fisheries control joint operations of the Member States (MS) through the pooling of data and intelligence, joint risk analysis, inspection means and training of inspectors;
- EFCA, in cooperation with EMUSA and Frontex, also assists the MS Authorities delivering missions falling under the European Coast Guard function;
- EFCA assists the European Commission by analysing catch certificates and processing statements received from third countries as well as background research on trade statistics, fleet composition, characteristics of the fishing industries, etc.;
- EFCA collaborates with the Regional Fora of MS and supports them in the implementation of the Control Regime applying to the Common Fisheries Policy;
- EFCA also assists Member States by providing training on the implementation of the Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Regulation and develops a Core Curriculum for the training of Union inspectors, as well as for national fisheries inspectors;
- EFCA supports the Union in the international dimension of the CFP in the fight against IUU fishing and providing capacity building assistance to third countries.

Since the change to its founding regulation in 2016, EFCA supports national authorities carrying out coast guard functions. One of the tasks in the framework of this cooperation are multipurpose operations sharing assets such as the EFCA’s chartered fisheries patrol vessel, the Lundy Sentinel.