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1. Joint Campaign Details

Joint Deployment Plan	<i>Baltic Sea 2022</i>		
Joint Campaign	<i>JDP-BS-2022</i>		
Reporting period	<i>From 1st of January till 31st of December 2022</i>		
Participation	<i>Germany (DE), Denmark (DK), Estonia (EE), Finland (FI), Lithuania (LT), Latvia (LV), Poland (PL) and Sweden (SE).</i>		
Operational area	<i>EU waters of ICES sub-divisions 27.3.c.22, 27.3.b.23 and 27.3.d.24-32</i>		
MS in EFCA Coordination Centre	<i>MS</i>	<i>Number of experts</i>	<i>Person-days</i>
	<i>DE</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>
	<i>EE</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>
	<i>FI</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>
	<i>LT</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>24</i>
	<i>LV</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15</i>
	<i>PL</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>
TOTAL	<i>6 MS</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>58</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 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 Baltic Sea (BS) 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 31st of December

2022. 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 data submitted by the MS within the context of the BS JDP. Only those data that met certain quality criteria were recorded in the EFCA database. The extraction of data was done on 8th of February 2023 and concerns the BS related inspections and sightings, patrols, and targets.

The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting sanitary measures continued to impact on control and surveillance activities by MS until end of the first half of 2022. In 2022, inspection activities resumed but with differing levels of engagement depending on national sanitary protocols. In practical terms, this means that for example at sea some MS restrict their activity to checking fishing gear for compliance with technical measures on open decked vessels, while other MS might carry out gear checks but also carried out last haul assessments. In all cases, the sanitary risks were assessed before inspecting. Similar measures applied ashore with distancing and spatial awareness taken into consideration prior to inspecting.

a) Inspections ashore

During this reporting period there were 2 769 inspections conducted ashore, including 17 transport inspections to trucks, 27 inspections ashore on fishing gear and 23 inspections of premises of enterprises. The inspection teams reported in total 76 suspected infringements, no suspected infringements detected during transport.

b) Inspections at sea

During the reporting period there were 817 inspections carried out at sea including 195 inspections of fishing gear with 29 suspected infringement reported.

During the reporting period there were 605 sea sightings. As a consequence of the sea sightings 1 suspected infringement was detected.

c) Aircraft surveillance

In total, MS reported 384 air sightings with no suspected infringements detected during the surveillance flights carried out in this period.



ANNEX I

JDP-BS-2022-01 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	Other patrols sea days (sea days with events ²)		Man-days Deployed	Man-days Hosted	Man-days Deployed	Man-days Hosted
MS	809	75	109	125	31	69	69
EFCA	39				94		
TOTALS	848	75	109	125	125	69	69

¹ As reported in daily SITREP to EFCA.

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.

B. RESULTS OF CONTROL ACTIVITIES

		Totals
SURVEILLANCE	Sightings reported by aircraft	384
	Sightings with suspected infringements	-
	<i>% of sightings with infringements</i>	-
	Total of suspected infringements	-
	Sighting of targets	61
	Sighting of targets with suspected infringements	
SEA	Number of F/V inspected by FS	622
	Number of F/V with detected suspected infringement	11
	<i>% of inspected F/V with detected suspected infringement</i>	1.77
	Total number of suspected infringements detected	12
	Total number of targeted inspections	48
	Total number of targeted inspections with suspected infringements	4
LAND	Number of F/V inspected by FS	2769
	Number of F/V with detected suspected infringement	69
	<i>% of inspected F/V with detected suspected infringement</i>	2.49
	Total number of suspected infringements detected	76
	Total number of targeted inspections	225
	Total number of targeted inspections with suspected infringements	10



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

	Suspected Infringement Category		TOTAL
<i>CLS-020</i>	Non-compliance with conservation measures	Fishing in closed area/period/depth	5
<i>CLS-010</i>		Fishing of prohibited species /stock	2
<i>PHO-021</i>		Catch retain on board, land, store or transport of fish below MCRS not subject to LO	2
<i>CER-030</i>		Exceeding bycatch limits	1
<i>GEA-010</i>		Non compliant gear	1
<i>GEA-030</i>		Absence or non-conformity with fishing gear/ device identification	25
<i>REP-010</i>	Non-compliance with the recording and reporting obligations	Not equipped or not operational e-logbook	2
<i>REP-030</i>		Not recorded, misrecorded, not reported or not reported in due time the departure declaration	1
<i>REP-070</i>		Not recorded, misrecorded, not reported or not reported in due time of catch declaration	16
<i>REP-073</i>		Difference between catch reported and landing exceeding the legal margin of tolerance	35
<i>REP-140</i>		Not submitted, not submitted on time or submitted incorrectly the PNO	7
<i>DUT-010</i>	Other types of non-compliance	Failure to facilitate safe access of inspectors	2
<i>PHO-070</i>		Absence or incorrect weighing of catches at landing	1
<i>PHO-140</i>		Marketing without mandatory first sale	1
<i>OTH-999</i>		Other SI not included in other categories	4
TOTAL	Total		105

