



COMMUNITY FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY

Facts and figures about the Joint Deployment Plan for the North Sea and adjacent waters in 2007

The Joint Deployment Plan, which is of a transitional nature, is the first in its kind world wide. It covers the second part of the year 2007 and is implemented in the form of Joint Campaigns. Each Joint Campaign is coordinated by a competent authority of one of the Member States concerned which exercises tactical coordination over the means committed to carry out control and inspection activities under the relevant Joint Campaign (only one captain on the ship).

A first preliminary campaign in the northern and central North Sea was carried out from 25 June to 8 July lead by UK (Scotland) in cooperation with Denmark and Germany and in conjunction with Norway. During this time five Fishery Protection Vessels (FPV's) from Scotland, Denmark and Germany were involved and had been deployed in each others' waters. In addition, there was an exchange of boarding officers between the platforms. The Norwegian Coast Guard participated with two FPV's, which had a priority to inspect Community (Scottish) fishing vessels in Norwegian waters. In addition a plane of the Scottish Fishery Control Agency was used for air surveillance and intensified landing inspections were carried out in the fishing harbours. 242 sightings of fishing vessels were made by the plane and the FPVs. In total 43 sea inspections and 79 landing controls were carried out and resulted in 10 follow up investigations.

During a debriefing done in Esbjerg, Denmark on 6 July, all participants were very enthusiastic and expressed there positive view on the results and follow up of the campaign and agreed that this form of cooperation between all participants was constructive and efficient.

This first preliminary campaign will be followed by further campaigns from the autumn to the end of the year in the North Sea and adjacent waters coordinated by concerned Member States.

In November 2007 the Community Fishery Control Agency will propose in accordance with their work programme 2008 the JDP activities for the North Sea and adjacent waters for 2008.

The overall objective of the JDP is to ensure operational coordination of joint control and inspection activities by Member States, by giving effect to the criteria, benchmarks and common inspection procedures laid down in the monitoring programme for cod (Commission Decision 2005/429/EC).

For further information on the implementation and execution of the Joint Deployment Plan of North Sea cod stocks for 2007, see the website of the Community Fishery Control Agency (<http://www.cfca.europa.eu>)