



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO / NEAFC 2015

NAFO 1st Mission

PARTICIPANTS

Germany – 3 EU/NAFO Inspectors
Latvia – EU/NAFO Inspector
Canada – CAN/NAFO Inspector
EFCA Coordinator

PERIOD:

20 May – 30 May 2015

AREA: NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (GERMANY) FPV *MEERKATZE*

OBJECTIVES

- Coordination, technical assistance and support of the Union inspectors on their duties during a NAFO sea-going mission.
- Control of compliance with NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures, Council Regulations (EC) No. 1386/2007, 2115/05 and 2015/104 by the fishing vessels operating in NAFO Regulatory Area, including non-Union fishing vessels. Main goal was to inspect vessels targeting Greenland halibut (GHL) in Divisions 3LMNO, COD in Division 3M and Redfish (RED) in 3O and 3LN Divisions.
- Control of the reliability of catch reporting and assessment of the level of compliance with by-catch rules.
- Develop and manage a regular information exchange, in particular inspection and surveillance data, between other fisheries patrol vessels in the NAFO area, NAFO Secretariat and DG MARE.

RESULTS

- 5 inspections and 13 sightings of 9 individual vessels were carried out.

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- No infringements were detected during the inspections.

OBSERVATIONS

- The FPV *MEERKATZE* left Cuxhaven, Germany on 13 May and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the 20 May to carry out the first mission of the year in the NAFO RA, as scheduled in the NAFO Joint Deployment Plan 2015.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 10 to 12 and 1 to 4 fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties were also present. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 10 to 15.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in all divisions of the NRA but mainly in the north of Divisions 3LM targeting GHL, in Division 3N targeting mainly SKA or in division 3O targeting RED. In the last period of the patrol some of them moved to Division 3M to fish for COD.
- One Russian vessel was operating in 3L targeting GHL. One USA and one CAN longliners were operating in 3N fishing for HAL.
- No infringements were detected during the inspections of vessels at sea.
- On the 30th May, *MEERKATZE* finished the patrol inside the NRA and headed to St. John's, Newfoundland to disembark some members of the inspection team, before going to NEAFC RA for patrol in that area.
- The cooperation with Canada was very good. Information on inspection activities and patrol updates were exchanged daily with the Canadian FPV operating in the area and DFO - Offshore Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canada).