



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO / NEAFC 2014

NAFO 2nd Mission

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PERIOD:

01 – 30 August 2014

AREA: NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (PORTUGAL) NRP *VIANA DO CASTELO*

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 43/2014 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 3KLMNO, COD in Division 3M and Redfish (RED) in 3M, 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

- 9 inspections and 17 sightings of 10 individual vessels were carried out, no infringements detected.

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OBSERVATIONS

- The NRP *VIANA DO CASTELO* left the Naval Base of Lisbon, Portugal, on the 1st of August, and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the 6th of August to carry out the second mission of the year in the NRA, as scheduled in the NAFO Joint Deployment Plan 2014.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 5 to 7 and 2 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 8 to 11.
- The EU fleet was targeting mainly GHL in Divisions 3 LM, COD in Division 3M, RED in Divisions 3LN and 3O. One FOR vessel was targeting GHL in Division 3L and a second one was directing for RED in Division 3O. 1 USA vessel was targeting YEL in Division 3N and a FRO was fishing PRA in 3L.
- No infringements were detected during the inspections of vessels at sea.
- Due to a medical assistance given to a sick crewmember of a Russian vessel, *VIANA DO CASTELO* left the area for some hours until the evacuation by a helicopter from the Canadian Coast Guard.
- At the arrival in the area, we were received by the tropical storm “Bertha” but after that the weather was usually good, despite some days with poor visibility, due to very dense fog.
- The cooperation with Canada was excellent.