



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO / NEAFC 2015

NAFO 4th Mission

<u>PARTICIPANTS</u> Portugal – 2 EU/NAFO Inspectors Poland – EU/NAFO Inspector EFCA Coordinator	
<u>PERIOD:</u> 1 – 30 August 2015	<u>AREA:</u> NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (PORTUGAL) FPV <i>FIGUEIRA da FOZ</i>
<u>OBJECTIVES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	
<u>RESULTS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 inspections and 10 sightings of 8 individual vessels were carried out.• No infringements were detected during the inspections.	

OBSERVATIONS

- The FPV *FIFGUEIRA da FOZ* left LISBON – PORTUGAL on 1st of August and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the 6th of August to carry out the fourth mission of the year in the NRA, 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 5 to 9 and 2 to 10 fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties were also present. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 7 to 17.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in all divisions of the NRA but mainly in the north of Division 3M targeting GHL and COD, in Division 3LN were targeting mainly RED and SKA and in division 3O targeting RED.
- Three Russian vessels were operating in 3L targeting RED. One USA was operating in 3N fishing for HAL.
- The weather conditions, very dense fog and 3-4 m swell limited during the first part of the mission and the small number of fishing vessels present in area in the second part, also limited the number of inspections carried out.
- During mission two CAN FPVs were on duties in NRA. 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).