



## Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2014

NEAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission

# **PARTICIPANTS**

GERMANY - EU NEAFC Inspector

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PORTUGAL - EU NEAFC Inspector

**EFCA Coordinator** 

**PERIOD:** 

**AREA:** NEAFC Regulatory Area, ICES IIa1

5 - 29 August 2014

(Norwegian Sea), aboard the DE FPV MEERKATZE

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Coordination, technical assistance and support of the EU NEAFC inspectors in their duties during this NEAFC seagoing mission.
- Monitoring of compliance with the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement, associated Management Measures and Union legislation by the fishing vessels operating in the NEAFC Regulatory Area; including third country fishing vessels.
- Monitoring of the reliability of catch reporting.
- Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, ES FMC, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG MARE. Cooperation with other FPVs.

#### **RESULTS**

 67 sightings of 45 individual fishing vessels. 16 inspections were carried out, 4 apparent infringement citations (three minor – not respecting communication of catches and transhipment requirements and recording of fishing logbook and one serious – fishing without valid authorization) were issued.

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- A maximum of 42 vessels was observed in the area at any one time. Russian and Faroese vessels were targeting MAC, whereas the EU fleet (2 ESP) was targeting redfish in the northern part of area IIa1. All vessels were operating with pelagic trawl gear.
- Transhipment activity took place in the south of area IIa. Compliance was verified.
- Weather conditions were reasonable for most of the period, with only 5 days of poor weather preventing boardings.