



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2015

NEAFC 2nd Mission

<u>PARTICIPANTS</u> Spain – EU NEAFC Inspector EFCA Coordinator & EU NEAFC Inspector	
<u>PERIOD:</u> 21/05/2015 to 08/06/2015	<u>AREA:</u> NEAFC Regulatory Area, ICES XIVb1 aboard the Spanish FPV <i>Alboran</i>
<u>OBJECTIVES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a Contracting Party of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), the European Union was present in the NEAFC Regulatory Area during this mission with the Spanish flagged FPV <i>Alboran</i> to undertake Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) duties as scheduled in the merged NAFO / NEAFC JDP for 2015.• In accordance with Article 21 of the JDP, inspections of fishing vessels were carried out by two Union NEAFC inspectors. The participating Member State was Spain in conjunction with the EFCA and with the NEAFC Coordinator being present in all inspections.• The key objectives of this MCS mission were to inspect vessels fishing in the NEAFC Regulatory Area and to undertake general surveillance of fishing activities in the area and in particular regard to Recommendation 1:2015 – Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Deep and Shallow Pelagic Redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters in the NEAFC Convention Area for 2015.• Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, ESP FMC, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG <i>MARE</i>.	
<u>RESULTS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 98 sightings of fishing vessels (ESP, LTU, RUS, ISL, FRO & NOR).• 10 inspections were carried out; 2 apparent infringement citations were issued for not sending COE reports on time; in principle compliance was good.	
<u>OBSERVATIONS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of 27 vessels was observed in the area at any one time. All vessels were targeting REB. All vessels were operating with pelagic trawl gear.• No transshipment activity took place.• Weather conditions were reasonable for most of the period, with boardings not being able to take place on only 1 day of the mission when the weather exceeded Force 7.	

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