



## NEAFC JOINT DEPLOYMENT PLAN 2020

### NEAFC 1<sup>st</sup> Campaign

<b><u>PARTICIPANTS</u></b> 2 EFCA Coordinators (acting also as inspectors)	
<b><u>PERIOD:</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	<b><u>AREA:</u></b> NEAFC REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (EFCA chartered) OPV LUNDY SENTINEL
<b>OBJECTIVES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verify compliance by EU and other Contracting Parties vessels fishing in the NEAFC Regulatory Area with requirements of the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement and NEAFC Management Measures as well as compliance by EU fishing vessels with any other Union conservation and control measures applicable to these vessels.</li><li>• To monitor if no bottom fishing activities occur in the closed areas for protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VMEs) in the NEAFC Regulatory Area and outside existing bottom fishing areas.</li><li>• To monitor if no bottom fishing activities, except with long-lines, occur in Rockall Haddock closed area.</li><li>• To monitor if any IUU activities occurs in the NEAFC Regulatory Area.</li><li>• Verify compliance by EU and other Contracting Parties vessels fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area with requirements of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures as well as compliance by EU fishing vessels with any other Union conservation and control measures applicable to these vessels.</li></ul>	

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- To monitor if no bottom fishing activities occur within the areas closed to bottom fisheries in the NAFO Regulatory Area and that bottom fishing activities occurs only in the existing bottom fishing areas.
- To verify the compliance of fisheries exploiting Bluefin tuna with the requirements of ICCAT Recommendations 18-02/19-04, EU Regulation 2016/1627, as well as all other relevant applicable rules as appropriate.
- Support to other coast guard functions activities on request. LS depending on her geographical location will be available to support multipurpose operations under the framework of European cooperation on Coast Guard functions in support of the MS competent authorities, if requested by specific EU MS and/or EU Agency. Beyond Search and rescue, possible tasks identified are: Oil pollution response services and assistance depending on vessel LS's availability.

## **RESULTS**

- 18 sightings
- No infringements detected

## **OBSERVATIONS**

- OPV LUNDY SENTINEL left Vigo, Spain on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and entered the NEAFC RA on 6<sup>th</sup> June.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the Lundy Sentinel patrolled area of the NEAFC RA (Hatton Bank and Irminger Sea) ranged from 1 to 3 and 10 fishing vessels operating from other Contracting Parties (RUS).
- Due to a specific situation in relation to COVID-19 outbreak, EFCA had established special safeguarding measures for EFCA staff and other personnel involved in the mission and followed those closely.
- Boarding opportunities were limited, primarily due to precautionary measures of the EFCA protocol for COVID-19 which restricted boarding operations to vessels, which had spent more than 3 weeks at sea and by adverse weather conditions during certain days.
- No fishing activities by vessels within the Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VMEs) closed areas, Rockall Haddock closed area or outside existing bottom fishing area in the NEAFC Regulatory Area were detected.
- No possible IUU activities were detected during Lundy Sentinel patrol.
- DEU was patrolling in the Irminger Sea with FPV Meerkatze. The cooperation with Meerkatze was effective and ensured that there was not duplication of effort and assets in the area at the same time.
- As the OPV was operating only in the NEAFC Regulatory Area during this mission, no activities related to NAFO Regulatory Area were performed.

- No any ICCAT related activities were encountered during this patrol.
- No activities related with other Coast Guard functions were performed during this patrol.
- OPV LUNDY SENTINEL completed its mission in NEAFC RA on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and headed back to Vigo.