



## NAFO/NEAFC JOINT DEPLOYMENT PLAN 2020

### NAFO 4<sup>th</sup> Campaign

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

2 EFCA Coordinators (acting also as inspectors)

#### **PERIOD:**

14 November – 13 December  
2020

#### **AREA:**

NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (EFCA chartered) OPV LUNDY SENTINEL

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 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.
- 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 (footprint map).
- 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.
- To monitor if no bottom fishing activities occur within the areas closed to bottom fisheries in the NEAFC 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 Recommendation 19 04, EU Regulation 2016/1627, as well as all other relevant applicable rules as appropriate.

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- Support to other coast guard functions activities on request. The OPV “Lundy Sentinel” 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 Lundy Sentinel’s availability.

## **RESULTS**

- 1 inspection of EU fishing vessel.
- 8 sightings.
- No apparent infringements detected.

## **OBSERVATIONS**

- OPV LUNDY SENTINEL left Vigo Spain on 14<sup>th</sup> November and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area (NAFO RA) on 21<sup>st</sup> November.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 1 to 5. The number of fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties ranged from 2 to 5. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 4 to 9 depending on calendar day.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in Divisions 3LMNO of the NAFO RA, mainly in Division 3N where they were targeting RED and SKA, one vessel under chartering arrangement was targeting YEL.
- 4 CAN, 1 USA and 1 RUS vessels were operating in NAFO at the time of the campaign.
- Due to a specific situation provoked by the COVID-19 outbreak, EFCA had established special safeguarding measures for EFCA staff and other personnel involved in the mission. The measures were fully followed.
- Sea campaign and inspections were significantly disturbed by several low pressure systems, high swells and dense fog, which limited possibilities to make inspections.
- CAN was patrolling in the area with FPV CYGNUS. Regular exchange of information with CAN authorities ensured good cooperation and efficient use of the patrol means.
- OPV LUNDY SENTINEL completed its mission on 6<sup>th</sup> December and headed back to Vigo.
- During the same patrol there was no NEAFC related fishing activity in the southern NEAFC RA.
- No compliance issues with bottom fishing activities within the areas closed to bottom fisheries in the NAFO Regulatory Area and in the closed Southern MAR Areas in the NEAFC Regulatory Area were detected.