

NAFO/NEAFC JOINT DEPLOYMENT PLAN 2021

NAFO 2nd Campaign

<p><u>PARTICIPANTS</u></p> <p>2 PRT inspectors 1 EFCA Coordinator (acting also as inspector)</p>	
<p><u>PERIOD:</u></p> <p>6 August – 3 September 2021</p>	<p><u>AREA:</u></p> <p>NAFO Regulatory Area (NAFO RA), on board the EU (EFCA chartered) OPV LUNDY SENTINEL</p>
<p><u>OBJECTIVES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify compliance by EU and other Contracting Parties vessels fishing in the NAFO RA 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 RA 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. • 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

- 6 inspections of EU fishing vessels.
- 20 sightings.
- No apparent infringements detected.

OBSERVATIONS

- OPV LUNDY SENTINEL left Vigo (Spain) on 6th August and entered the NAFO RA on 13th August.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 11 to 15. 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 14 to 19 depending on calendar day.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in Divisions 3LMNO of the NAFO RA, mainly in Division 3O targeting HKS.
- 3 RUS, 2 CAN, 1 FRO and 1 JPN vessels were operating in NAFO RA at the time of the campaign.
- Due to a specific situation provoked by the COVID-19 outbreak, EFCA had established safeguarding measures for EFCA staff, other personnel involved in the mission. These measures also ensure safety to the crew of inspected vessels and were fully followed
- Sea campaign was executed mostly in good weather conditions. While LUNDY SENTINEL was in NAFO RA, there was only one day that the sea conditions were not suitable for inspections.
- CAN was patrolling in the area with FPV LEONARD J COWLEY. Regular exchange of information with CAN authorities ensured good cooperation and efficient use of the patrol means deployed in the area.
- OPV LUNDY SENTINEL completed its mission on 26th August 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 RA and in the closed Southern MAR Areas in the NEAFC Regulatory Area were detected.