

NAFO/NEAFC JOINT DEPLOYMENT PLAN 2021

NAFO 3rd Campaign

PARTICIPANTS

1 PRT inspector
 2 EST inspectors
 1 EFCA Coordinator (acting also as inspector)

PERIOD:

07 – 27 September 2021

AREA:

NAFO REGULATORY AREA

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.



- 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

- 3 inspections of EU fishing vessels.
- 5 sightings.
- 1 apparent infringement of NAFO CEM regarding exceeding of bycatch limits for moratorium species on board 1 fishing vessel detected.

OBSERVATIONS

- OPV LUNDY SENTINEL left Vigo Spain on 7th September and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area (NAFO RA) on 12th September.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 8 to 9. The number of fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties ranged from 2 to 3. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 10 to 12 depending on calendar day.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in Divisions 3LMNO of the NAFO RA, mainly in Division 3O where they were targeting RED and HKS.
- 1 RUS, 1 CAN and 1 FRO vessels were operating in NAFO at the time of the campaign.
- One possible noncompliance was detected during inspection of EU fishing vessel. The apparent infringement was related to the conditions stipulated in the Article 6.4 of the NAFO CEM. The bycatch of COD retained onboard, caught in division 3O was exceeded. Considering the nature of detected infringement, the EU/NAFO inspectors had initiated infringement proceedings pursuant to the Art. 37 NAFO CEM.
- 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 was executed mostly in good weather conditions. While LUNDY SENTINEL was in NAFO RA, there were 2 days that the sea conditions were not suitable for inspection.

- CAN was patrolling in the area with FPV CYGNUS and FPV LEONARD J COWLEY. Regular exchange of information with CAN authorities ensured good cooperation.
- OPV LUNDY SENTINEL completed its mission on 19th September 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.