



# Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2016

# NEAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Germany - 1 EU NEAFC Inspector

Portugal – 1 EU NEAFC Inspector

**EFCA Coordinator** 

#### **PERIOD:**

25/05/2016 to 17/06/2016

<u>AREA:</u> North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) Regulatory Area; ICES area XIVb1(Irminger Sea)

### **OBJECTIVES**

- 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 German flagged FPV Seefalke to undertake Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) duties as scheduled in the merged NAFO / NEAFC JDP for 2016.
- In accordance with Article 21 of the JDP, inspections of fishing vessels were carried out by two Union NEAFC inspectors. The participating Member States were Germany and Portugal.
- 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; including third country fishing vessels.
- Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG MARE.

## **RESULTS**

- 99 sightings of fishing vessels (ESP, DEU, LTU, LVA, RUS, KNA).
- 9 inspections were carried out; no apparent infringement detected.

### **OBSERVATIONS**

- A maximum of 21 vessels were operational in the area. All fishing vessels were targeting REB. All vessels were operating with pelagic trawl gear.
- One transhipment was observed and inspected.
- Weather conditions were reasonable for most of the period, with boardings not being able to take place on 3 days of the mission when the weather exceeded Force 8.