



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO / NEAFC 2018

NAFO 1st Campaign

PARTICIPANTS

Germany – 1 EU/NAFO Inspector

Latvia – 1 EU/NAFO Inspector

Canada - CAN/NAFO Inspector

EFCA Coordinator

PERIOD:

03 May 2018 – 18 May 2018

AREA: NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (Germany) FPV *MEERKATZE*

OBJECTIVES

- Coordination, technical assistance and support of the Union inspectors on their duties during a NAFO sea-going mission.
- Control of compliance with NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures, Council Regulations (EC) No. 1386/2007, 2115/05 and 2017/127 by the fishing vessels operating in NAFO Regulatory Area, including non-Union fishing vessels. Main goal was to inspect vessels targeting Greenland halibut (GHL) in Divisions 3LMNO, COD in Division 3M and Redfish (RED) in 3O and 3LN Divisions.
- Control of the reliability of catch reporting and assessment of the level of compliance with by-catch rules.
- Develop and manage a regular information exchange, in particular inspection and surveillance data, between other fisheries patrol vessels in the NAFO area, NAFO Secretariat and DG MARE.

RESULTS

- 5 inspections and 1 sighting were carried out.
- One non-serious infringement was detected.

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OBSERVATIONS

- The FPV *MEERKATZE*, left Cuxhaven, Germany on the 4th of May and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the 10th of May to carry out the first campaign of the year in the NAFO RA.
- The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 10 to 12, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged in between 8 and 9.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in all Divisions of the NAFO RA, in t Division 3M targeting COD, no activity in Divisions 3LN targeting RED. One JAP was in north of 3M targeting GHL.
- The weather conditions were good for the whole inspection period which allowed for good boarding/inspections.
- During the mission one CAN FPVs were present in NAFO RA, there was excellent communication between the FPV's and CAN authorities to decide which areas to operate in.
- A Canadian NAFO inspector was also present on board the *MEERKATZE* and he was incorporated into the inspection team.