



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO / NEAFC 2016

NAFO 2nd Mission

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PERIOD:

01 – 18 July 2016

AREA: NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (Portugal) FPV VIANA DO CASTELO

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 2016/72 by the fishing vessels operating in NAFO Regulatory Area, including non-Union fishing vessels. Main goal was to inspect vessels targeting Redfish (RED) in Division 3M, Greenland halibut (GHL) in Divisions 3LMNO and COD in Division 3M.
- 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 16 sightings of 9 individual vessels were carried out.
- No infringements were detected during the inspections.

OBSERVATIONS

 The PT Navy FPV VIANA DO CASTELO left Lisbon on the 24th of June and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the 1st of July to carry out the second mission of the year in the NAFO RA, as scheduled in the NAFO / NEAFC JDP 2016.

- During the mission the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 15 to 9 and were also present 3 to 4 fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 20 to 13, respectively in the beginning and in the end of the patrol.
- No infringements were detected during the inspection of the fishing vessels at sea.
- The weather conditions, very unusual for the season, limited the inspection activity during the first part of the mission. Only in the last days there was a good weather allowing to carry out boardings.
- During the mission 2 CAN FPVs were also present in NAFO RA.
- The cooperation with Canada was good. Information on inspection activities and patrol updates were exchanged daily with the FPVs operating in the area and the DFO - Offshore Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canada).
- The FPV VIANA DO CASTELO left the NAFO RA on the 18th of July at 03:00.