



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO 2018

NAFO 3rd Campaign

PARTICIPANTS	
Spain – 1 EU/NAFO Inspectors	
Lithuania – 1 EU/NAFO Inspector	
EFCA Coordinator	
PERIOD: 15 July – 05 August 2018	AREA: NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (Spanish) FPV ARNOMENDI

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 43/2014 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 and RED 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

- 6 inspections
- 7 sightings of 7 individual vessels were carried out.
- No infringements were detected during the inspections.

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OBSERVATIONS

- The FPV Arnomendi left St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada on July 16th and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on July 18th to carry out the third campaign of the year in the NRA, as scheduled in the NAFO Joint Deployment Plan 2018.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 6 to 9 and 1 to 2 fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties were also present. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 7 to 11.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in Divisions 3L and 3M of the NRA targeting RED and GHL. One EU fishing vessel was also in Division 3N targeting SKA.
- 1 JAP vessel was targeting RED in 3M, 1 USA vessel was involved in YEL fishery in the tail of the bank and 3 RUS vessel entered to fish in Division 1F.
- On July 31st the ARNOMENDI left the NRA and headed to Ponta Delgada, Azores Islands, where the campaign was scheduled to finish.
- During this campaign, Canada was most of the time present in the NAFO RA with two FPVs, the *CYGNUS* and *L.J.COWLEY* in NAFO RA. Regular exchange of information with Canadian colleagues ensured a good cooperation and efficient use of the patrol means.