NAFO/NEAFC JOINT DEPLOYMENT PLAN 2019

NAFO 4th Campaign

PARTICIPANTS
Estonia – 1 EU/NAFO Inspector
Portugal – 2 EU/NAFO Inspector trainees
EFCA Coordinator (acting also as inspector)

PERIOD:
1 September – 30 September 2019

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

OBJECTIVES

- Coordination, technical assistance and support of the Union inspectors on their duties during a NAFO sea-going mission.


- Main goal was to inspect vessels targeting Redfish (RED) in Divisions 3LN and 3O, 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
- 3 inspections, thereat 2 EU vessels and 1 other Contracting Party vessels.
- 1 apparent infringement was detected regarding violation of EU requirements.
- 2 vessels were given a warnings to correct vessel’s capacity plans.

### OBSERVATIONS
- FPV VIANA DO CASTELO left Lisbon, Portugal, on 1\textsuperscript{st} September and entered the NAFO RA on 11\textsuperscript{th} September to carry out the fourth campaign of the year in the NAFO RA, as scheduled in the NAFO/NEAFC Joint Deployment Plan 2019.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 6 to 9 and 2 to 5 fishing vessels operating from other Contracting Parties. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 10 to 15.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in Divisions 3LMNO of the NAFO RA, but mainly in the Division 3M targeting COD and in 3L targeting GHL, less RED.
- 3 RUS, 1 JPN and 1 FRO vessels were operating in NAFO at the time of the campaign.
- Sea campaign and inspections were disturbed by several low-pressure systems, including hurricanes Dorian and Umberto that arrived to NAFO R. as tropical storms.
- From 5\textsuperscript{th} to 18\textsuperscript{th} September Canada was present in the NAFO RA with FPV L.J. COWLEY. Regular exchange of information with Canadian colleagues ensured an excellent cooperation and efficient use of the patrol means.
- FPV VIANA DO CASTELO completed its mission on 25\textsuperscript{th} September and headed back to Lisbon.