



## NAFO/NEAFC JOINT DEPLOYMENT PLAN 2019

### NAFO 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Control of compliance with NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures, European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No. 2019/833 and Council Regulation (EU) 2019/124 by the fishing vessels operating in NAFO Regulatory Area, including non-Union fishing vessels.
- 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.

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## **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<sup>st</sup> September and entered the NAFO RA on 11<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> September and headed back to Lisbon.