



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2017

NEAFC 2nd Mission

<u>PARTICIPANTS</u> Spain – 1 EU NEAFC Inspector EFCA Coordinator (acted as EU NEAFC inspector)	
<u>PERIOD:</u> 01/05/2017 to 18/05/2017	<u>AREA:</u> NEAFC Regulatory Area, ICES XIVb, XIIb, VIb1 and VIb2
<u>OBJECTIVES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a Contracting Party of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), the European Union was present in the NEAFC Regulatory Area during this mission with the German flagged FPV <i>Seeadler</i> to undertake Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) duties as scheduled in the merged NAFO / NEAFC JDP for 2017.• In accordance with Article 21 of the JDP, inspections of fishing vessels were carried out by two Union NEAFC inspectors. The participating Member State was Spain in conjunction with the EFCA and with the EFCA Coordinator being present in all inspections.• The key objectives of this MCS mission were to inspect vessels fishing in the NEAFC Regulatory Area and to undertake general surveillance of fishing activities in the area and in particular regard to Recommendation 1:2017 – Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Deep and Shallow Pelagic Redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters in the NEAFC Convention Area for 2017; including third country fishing vessels.• Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, ES FMC, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG MARE.	
<u>RESULTS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 88 sightings of fishing vessels (ESP, DEU, LTU, RUS, FRO, ISL, NOR).• Five inspections were carried out; no apparent infringements were detected.	
<u>OBSERVATIONS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of 18 vessels was observed in the area (XIVb1) at any one time. All these vessels were targeting REB and were operating with pelagic trawl gear.• No transshipment activity was noticed during this mission.• In divisions ICES XIIb, VIb1 and VIb2, three ESP vessels were targeting deep sea species, one of them was inspected.• Weather conditions were poor for most of the period, with boardings not being able to take place during some consecutive days.	

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