

## NAFO/NEAFC JOINT DEPLOYMENT PLAN 2020

### NAFO 3<sup>rd</sup> Campaign

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

Portugal - 2 EU/NAFO/NEAFC/ICCAT inspectors  
 EFCA Coordinator (acting also as inspector)

#### **PERIOD:**

6 October – 12 November 2020

#### **AREA:**

NAFO/NEAFC REGULATORY AREAS, on board the EU (EFCA chartered) OPV LUNDY SENTINEL

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Verify compliance by EU and other Contracting Parties vessels fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area with requirements of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures as well as compliance by EU fishing vessels with any other Union conservation and control measures applicable to these vessels.
- To monitor if no bottom fishing activities occurs within the areas closed to bottom fisheries in the NAFO Regulatory Area and that bottom fishing activities occurs only in the existing bottom fishing areas (footprint map).
- Verify compliance by EU and other Contracting Parties vessels fishing in the NEAFC Regulatory Area with requirements of the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement and NEAFC Management Measures as well as compliance by EU fishing vessels with any other Union conservation and control measures applicable to these vessels.
- To monitor if no bottom fishing activities occur in the closed Southern MAR Areas in the NEAFC Regulatory Area and outside existing bottom fishing areas.
- To verify the compliance of fisheries exploiting Bluefin tuna with the requirements of ICCAT Recommendations 18-02/19-04, EU Regulation 2016/1627, as well as all other relevant applicable rules as appropriate.
- Support to other coast guard functions activities on request. LS depending on her geographical location will be available to support multipurpose operations under the framework of European cooperation on Coast Guard functions in support of the MS competent authorities, if requested by specific EU MS and/or EU Agency. Beyond Search and rescue, possible tasks identified are: Oil pollution response services and assistance depending on vessel LS's availability.

## **RESULTS**

- 7 inspections: 1 ICCAT on EU vessel and 6 NAFO: 5 EU vessels and 1 other Contracting Party vessel.
- 10 NAFO sightings.
- 1 apparent infringement of the NAFO CEM related with product labelling requirements was detected on 1 vessel.

## **OBSERVATIONS**

- OPV LUNDY SENTINEL left Vigo, Spain on 6<sup>th</sup> October and entered the NAFO RA on 13<sup>th</sup> October to carry out the third campaign of the year in the NAFO RA.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 4 to 10, and 2 to 5 fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 8 to 13.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in Divisions 3LMNO of the NAFO RA. Half of them were always present in Divisions 3LM and some of the rest were constantly moving between Tail of the Bank and Flemish Cap. In Division 3L EU and other Contracting Parties fleet mainly targeted GHL. In Division 3M EU fleet targeted COD. One of the EU fishing vessels was targeting PRA, while other Contracting Party fishing vessel targeted GHL. In Division 3N EU fleet was targeting SKA and RED, while other Contracting Parties fleet were targeting YEL and SKA. In Division 3O EU fleet was targeting RED.
- While the OPV Lundy Sentinel was present in NAFO RA one EU fishing vessel has left the NAFO RA and went to fish in NEAFC RA. During the same patrol there was no NEAFC related fishing activity in the southern NEAFC RA.
- Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, EFCA had established special safeguarding measures for EFCA staff and other personnel involved in the mission and followed those closely.
- During this patrol, while in NAFO RA, Lundy Sentinel had to leave the RA to shelter in Canadian EEZ trying to evade hurricane Epsilon. This event deprived our inspection platform of 3 additional days in NAFO RA. Other occasion was when hurricane Zeta was passing through the Tail of the bank in NAFO 3N and 3O Divisions. This did not force Lundy Sentinel to move away but also restricted operational possibilities.
- No compliance issues with bottom fishing activities within the areas closed to bottom fisheries in the NAFO Regulatory Area and in the closed Southern MAR Areas in the NEAFC Regulatory Area were detected.
- CAN patrolled in the area with one FPV. Regular exchange of information with CAN colleagues ensured an excellent cooperation and efficient use of the patrol means.
- OPV LUNDY SENTINEL completed its mission in NAFO RA on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and headed back to Vigo.