

2022 Bluefin tuna fishing campaign and JDP

An overview

Elements of presentation:

- Brief background to the EFCA activities and Joint Deployment Plan (JDP)
- Overview of the 2022 BFT fishing campaign
- Some conclusions



Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) - background

- International rules (i.e. ICCAT) to which the EU is party are binding (Rec.21-08)
- To enforce CFP rules the EU control system laid down by way of the 'Control Regulation' (Reg. (EC) No.1224/2009)
- Complemented amongst others with measures adopted to combat IUU (Reg.1005/2008) and associated Implementing Rules
- Article 95 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 provides the possibility for the Commission to determine, with the Member States concerned, the fisheries which are to be subject to a '**Specific Control and Inspection Programme (SCIP)**'

2. Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) - background

Control Regulation (Article 95):

- The SCIPs shall state the objectives, priorities, procedures and benchmarks for inspection activities;
- MSs to establish risk management-based target benchmarks for inspection activities;
- MSs concerned shall adopt the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of the SCIPs, particularly required human and material resources and the periods and zones where these are to be deployed...

Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) - background

SCIP Objectives:

Control and inspection activities carried out under the SCIP ensure compliance with :

- Fishing opportunities management and monitoring of quota uptake
- Reporting obligations applicable to all fishing activities
- Obligation to land all catches for the stocks and the areas concerned by this Decision which are subject to a landing obligation in accordance with the CFP;
- Specific provisions adopted by RFMOs (ICCAT)
- Implemented by way of a Joint Deployment Plan (JDP)...

Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) – why?

By organising the best use of human and material resources pooled by MSs, EFCA promotes:

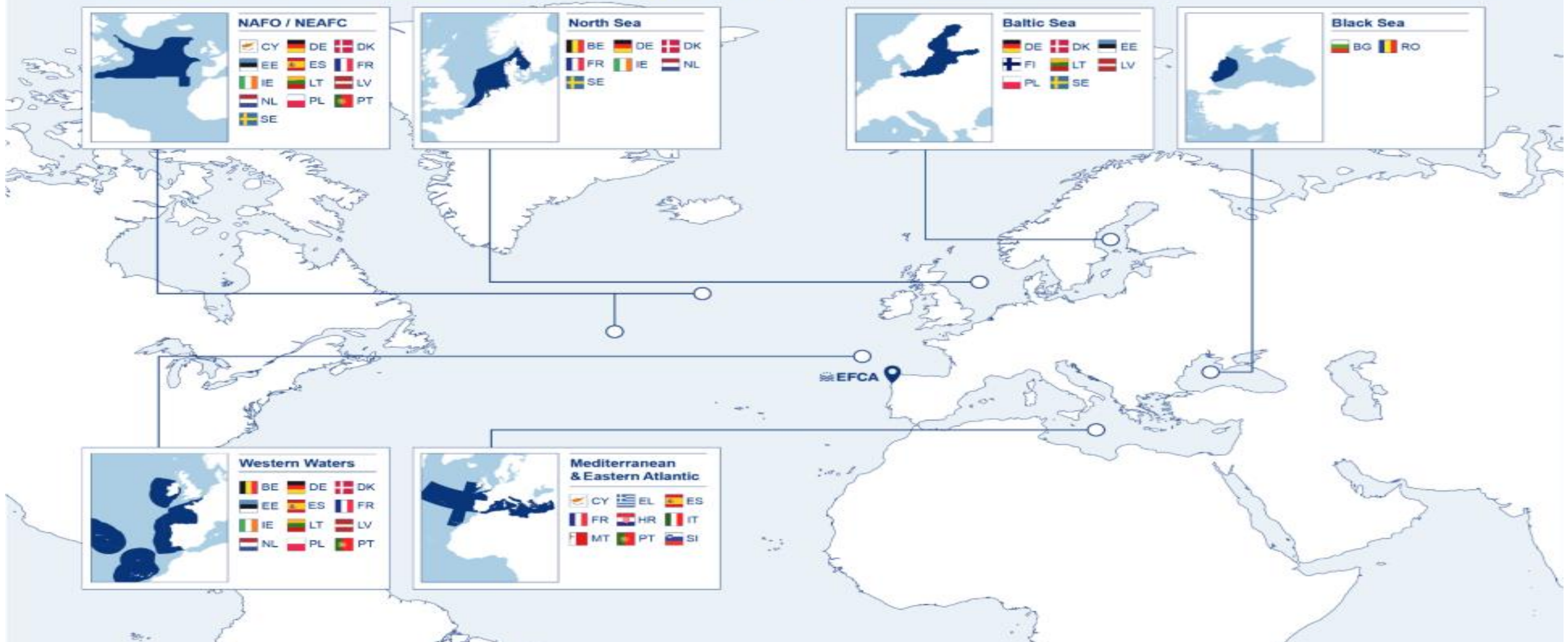
- Uniformity and effectiveness of control
- Increased transparency
- A risk-based approach/methodology
- Level playing field for the fishing industry
- A cost effective/efficient use of inspection and control resources
- Support to MSs for common implementation of international inspection/control provisions

Main JDP features



Joint Deployment Plans (JDP) – main areas

Implementation of JDP in EU Waters and International Waters in 2021



JDP – harmonisation and support activities :

- Development and implementation of Regional Risk Assessment methodology
- Harmonization of inspection procedures and promotion of level playing field (checklists and common procedures..)
- EFCA IT systems - common data collection, exchange and reporting (VMS)
- Exchange of inspectors at sea/ashore
- Availability of a 'Special Mixed Team' (farms..)
- Use of modern technologies (VDS, IMS, RPAS..)
- Training and capacity building ('training of trainer' workshops, briefings, support to national trainings courses..)
- Cooperation under the European Coastguard (multipurpose operations/sightings, information exchange, briefings..)
- Specific support to MSs upon request

BFT – 2022 Fishing/farming allocations

- Ongoing ICCAT procedures on fleet authorizations under Rec.21-08
- Consistent fishing opportunities for 2022
- Relative stability in EU fleet/farm authorizations
- Some increases by non-EU vessel fleets/farms (Algeria, Libya..)
- New control measures for 2022

JDP provisional results – at sea and on farms

Activity summary at sea	TOTAL
No of catches	168
No. of releases before first transfer	4
No. of first transfers	167
No. of voluntary control transfer	1
No. of investigations	19
No. of control transfers	6

Activity summary in farms	TOTAL
No. of cagings	131
No. of investigations	45
No. of control transfers	7
No. of releases after caging	19

Total number of inspections	Purse Seiners	Towing, auxiliary/support vessels	Processing vessels	Farms	Traps	TOTAL
TOTAL	101	220	26	191	97	635*

*of which 39 were on non-EU vessels (Albania, Algeria, Panama, Tunisia, Turkey)

JDP provisional results – potential non-compliance

	Non-compliance with video minimum standard procedures	Non-compliance with mandatory documentation (logbook, ITD, PNO, margin of tolerance)	Non-compliance with general technical/management measures	Tampering with VMS, Operate without VMS/AIS	Fishing without Licence, fishing permit or auth.	Fishing inconsistent/in contravention RFMO measures (Others)	Total PNCs reported
Total	11	10	7	5	4	1	38*

* of which 23 were on non-EU vessels (Albania, Algeria, Tunisia, Turkey)

Conclusions :

- JDPs are an efficient and effective mechanism to deploy and coordinate national control resources
- Risk assessment continues to be essential and requires precise and adaptable planning
- High level of control and inspection activities on non-EU vessels
- Major efforts made by MSs on at-sea activities, in particular on non-EU vessels
- Significant activity and potential non-compliance by non-EU vessels
- Support necessary to ensure common EU interpretation and implementation of ICCAT rules



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