



## **LDAC Secretariat report**

### **EFCA Advisory Board meeting Vigo, 20 September 2016 (09:30-13:30 h)**

The meeting was attended by representatives from the different ACs (with the exception of the SWWAC), the European Commission and EFCA officers and it was chaired by the EFCA Executive Director, Mr. Pascal Savouret.

In absence of the LDAC Chair, the LDAC was represented by the WG5 Chair, Ms. María José Cornax, and assisted by Ms. Manuela Iglesias from the LDAC Secretariat.

1) Under agenda item 1 **-ACs state of play-** the LDAC secretariat made introductory remarks about work in progress in actions regarding: promoting modernization of MCS systems, asking for level playing field for all fleets in compliance with human and labour rights, providing technical assistance to COMHAFAT under the MoU. It was also highlighted one specific action pending of completion from WG2 meetings: to provide the estimated quantities of the total level of catches (including IUU estimated ones) of blue whiting in NEAFC RA including not only EU fishing vessels but also other NEAFC contracting parties.

The LDAC representative (Ms. Cornax) asked two questions about:

- a) The EU 4-day regional operation at sea campaign carried out in late August, in conjunction with the West African Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission, in the EEZ of 4 African Coastal States in the Gulf of Guinea, which ended with 82 vessels inspected and 14 infringements detected (mostly Chinese vessels).  
Could EFCA provide us more information and details about it?
  
- b) Number of infractions detected in NEAFC areas

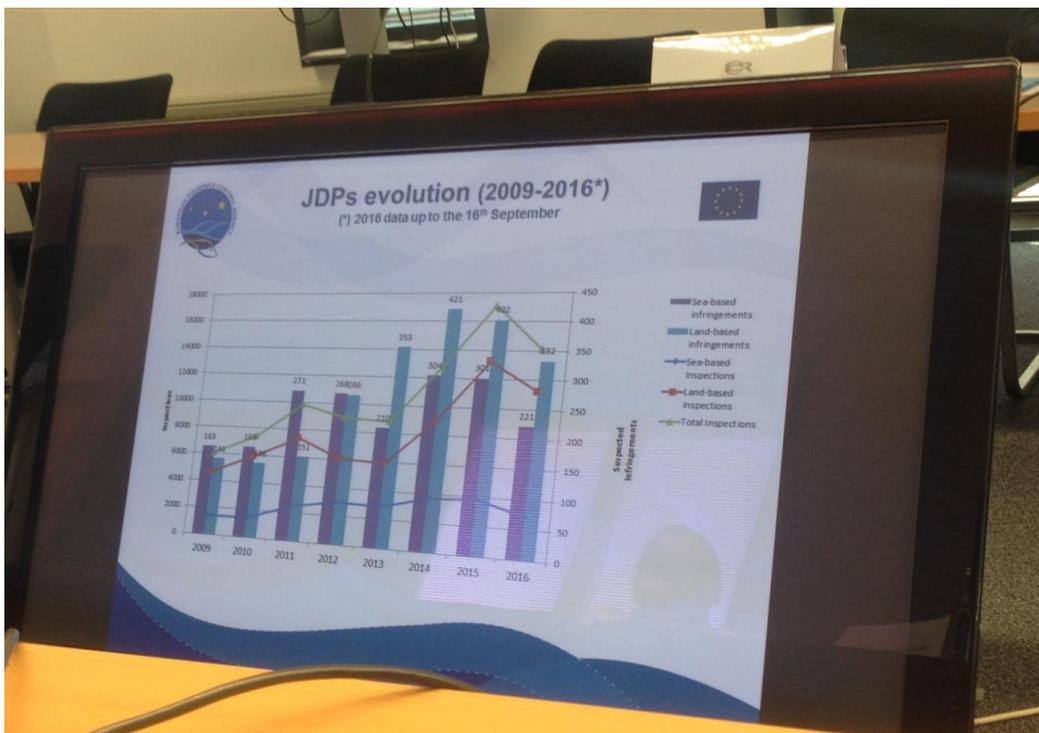
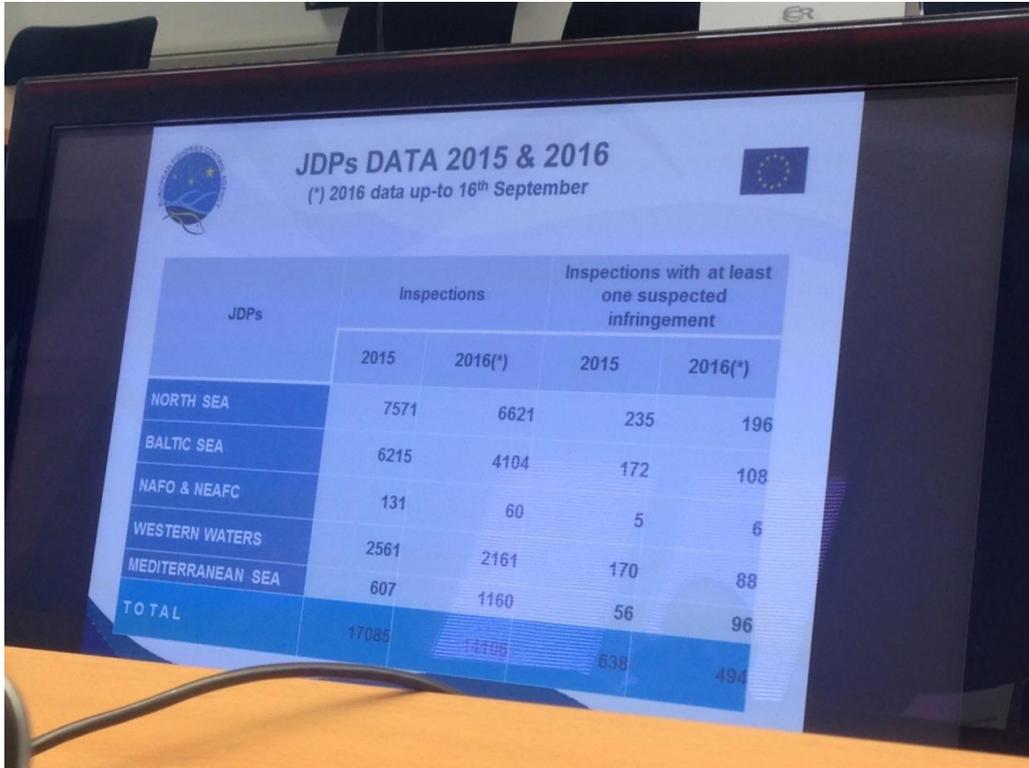
The EFCA Director, Mr. Pascal Savouret, replied about the first question that EFCA was present as party of the EU operation in the West African countries. EFCA will give more info about this topic as soon as it is possible. The Operation is called “Pedro Cardoso Nanco” (28th August-1st September 2016). It was a joint coordination of national MCS at sea. It was developed in the EEZs of Gambia, Guinea Bissau and Guinea Conakry.

Some possible future work actions were identified by EFCA as follows:

- Sub-regional MCS programme (2017-2021)
- More acquisition and management
- General and specific training needs

Regarding the question about NEAFC, Mr. Savouret informed the LDAC that for the moment the number of inspections is slightly lower to 2015. He will liaise with the NEAFC expert of EFCA and provide more information to LDAC soon.

2) Exchange of views: implementation of EFCAS' s annual work programme 2016.  
- JDP (joint deployment plan):



It was highlighted that, out of 60 inspections of NEAFC, the infractions were not so important (most were due to reporting issues), and all came from non EU vessels (mainly from Norway and Russia).

**- Landing Obligation - state of play:**

In the presentation it was reported that Landing Obligations infringements are very difficult to identify. It is therefore very important to develop joint deployment plans, assistance Regional MS Groups, foster interregional cooperation and try to obtain a level playing field with the standardisations of inspections, development of guidelines, etc.

Objective: Coordinated implementation of the LO

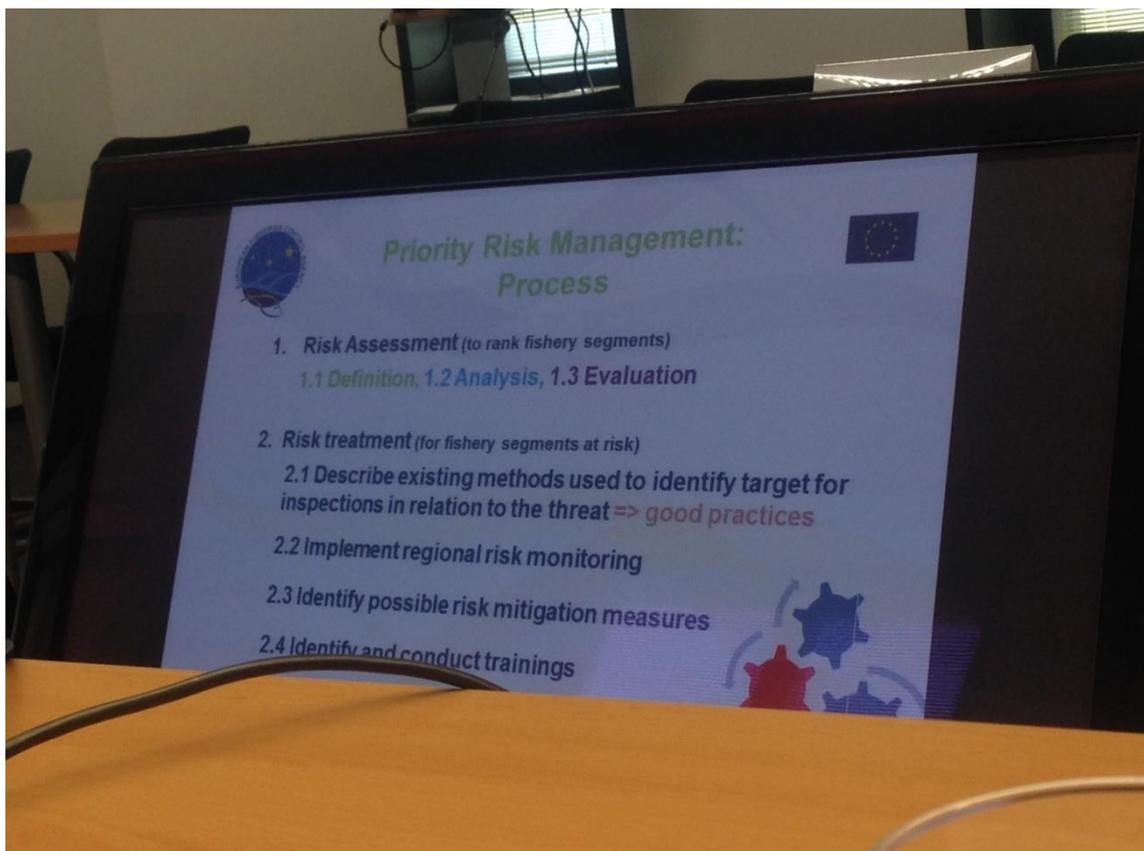
MS / PACT	BS	NS	NWW	SWW	MED
Prepare risk assessment based on scientific/official /inspection data	Demersal Pelagic	Demersal Pelagic	Demersal Pelagic	Demersal Pelagic	Pelagic
Common objectives for control activities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cooperate with the stakeholders	Yes	On-going	On-going	On-going	
Data collection during inspection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Standardise inspections: Omnibus and methods	On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going
Promote and evaluate compliance	Yes	Yes	Yes		

The general challenges for 2017 are:

- Continue data collection in cooperation with Member States and exchange experiences and best practices;
- Consolidate knowledge of the discard estimations by fisheries;
- Continue and strengthen the cooperation with all Member States regional groups and the industry;
- Full use of JDP as a vehicle for implementation of Landing Obligation / compliance evaluation;

The objectives of JDPs are:

- Identify priority threats of non-compliance at regional levels;
- Assess the spatial and temporal distribution of the fisheries based on historical catches and landed data.



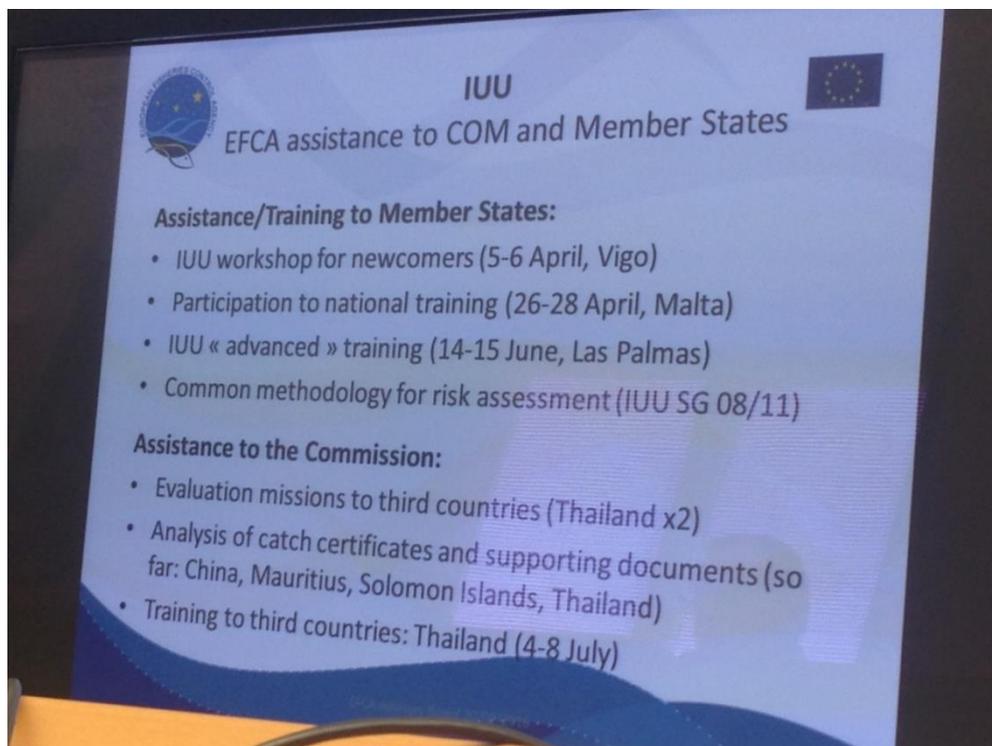
- **Training activities:**

- Core curriculum publications can be found on the EFCA website and also in <https://bookshop.europa.eu/en/home/>
- EFCA e-learning platform available to MMSS, COM and EFCA officials.

- **International Dimension:**



**- IUU:**



**- Pilot Project Maritime Surveillance:**

EFCA informed us about the 18 months duration pilot project (July 2016 to December 2017).

The pilot project budget is 420,000 euro

There is a big cooperation between EFCA and EMSA and the main objectives are:

- Support the EU in the international dimension of the CFP and the fight against IUU activities

- Providing support to MS authorities in their verification of catch certificates

The users are: coastal and market MS.

The expected use is for MS experts to have a reference tool to verify the correctness of information in the Catch Certificates and to assist in identifying changes in fishing activities in relation to import patterns.

The expected results are: improved fisheries monitoring and control with regards to the worldwide fight against IUU and readily available and validated vessel data source on a 24/7 basis supporting both manual and automated IUU catch certificate verification.

**- EU Coastguard Pilot Project**

The Pilot project key facts are:

The Purpose is anticipating the creation of the European Coast Guard.

The Budget is 750,000 euro total, and EFCA budget is 330,000 euro (eligible from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016).



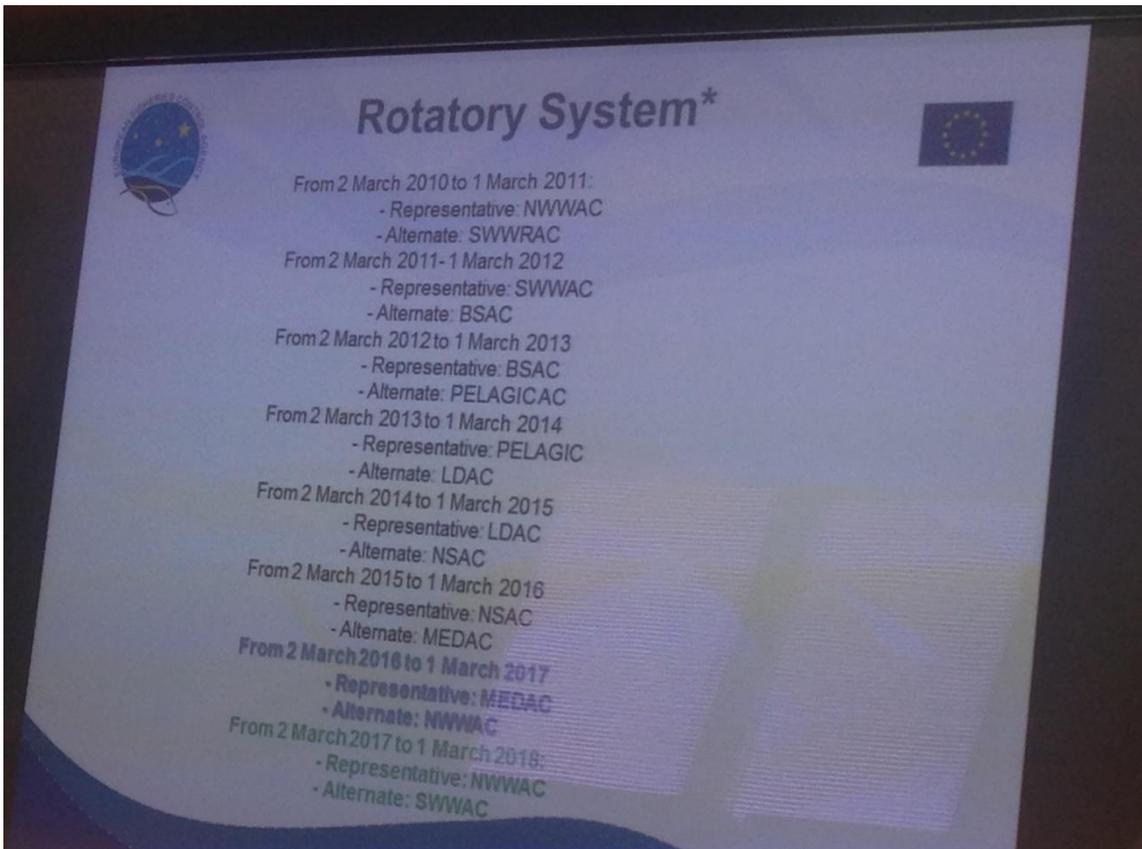
An interim report will be deliverable in December 2016 and the final report in June 2017. DG MARE is involved.

### 3) Draft Single Programming Document (SPD) 2017

Mr. Savouret presents the SPD programme, and explained the 4 pilot project tasks which are:

- 1) Sharing information: fusing and analyzing data and mapping and enhancing of services. The coordinator is EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency)
- 2) Surveillance services: remotely piloted aircraft systems (trails and call for tender) and Maritime Patrol Aircraft (joint use). EMSA and Frontex are coordinating.
- 3) Capacity building: outline guidelines for inter-EU agencies cooperation. The coordinator is EFCA.
- 4) Capacity Sharing: multipurpose operations (with input from task 1 and 2). EFCA and Frontex are coordinating between themselves on this.

### 4) Rotation of the Advisory Board representative in the Administrative Board of the EFCA





### **5) Forum of the EU agencies**

The increasing cooperation between EFCA other agencies (EMSA, Frontex, etc.) was reported with the purpose of creating a European Coastguard Unit, tasked with information sharing, surveillance services, capacity building and coordinated operations. The different agencies involved will meet in December (initially) and the Executive Director already invited the ACs to express their interest in attending such meeting within the context of their cooperation.

**The meeting was adjourned at 13:45h**