



Capacity Building and regional programmes of Monitoring Control and Surveillance: the role of EFCA

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EFCA



- Established by Regulation No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005
- Headquarters: Vigo (Spain), from 1 July 2008
- Operational from 1 January 2007





EFCA Objectives

Council Regulation No 768/2005 *Article 1*

The European Fisheries Control Agency's objective is to **organise operational coordination** of fisheries control and inspection activities by the Member States **and to assist** them to cooperate so as to comply with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy in order to ensure its effective and uniform application.



EFCA objectives



The agency work is oriented towards the three following objectives:

Compliance

Level Playing Field

Cost-effectiveness



CFP REFORM

Art. 30 of the new CFP Regulation



Compliance with international provisions

The Union shall, **including through EFCA**, cooperate with Third Countries and international organisations dealing with fisheries, including RFMO, to strengthen compliance with measures, especially those to combat IUU fishing, in order to ensure that measures adopted by such international organisations are strictly adhered to.



EFCA funding Regulation: Mission and tasks (Art 7 of Reg. 768/2005)

Assistance to the Commission and the MS

The Agency shall assist the Commission and the MS for the purpose of ensuring a high, uniform and effective fulfilment of their obligations under the rules of the CFP, **including the fight against IUU fishing and in their relations with Third Countries.**



EFCA recent experience in capacity building SFPAs



- EFCA assistance to the Commission in the framework of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs).
- First year (2014): 3 days on-the-spot training of officials from Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast.
- Approach: Shared expertise on sea/port inspection between Commission, Member States, and EFCA trainers.





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- Topics covered: FAO PSM Agreement, inspection methodologies, FMC functions, remote monitoring through tools such as VMS and ERS, evidence gathering and other control related topics.
- Trainings planned in 2015 to:
 - Guinea Bissau (23-25 June, done)
 - Sao Tome and Principe (1-4 December)
 - Senegal (tbc)
- On-going: drafting of a training manual 'basic' inspection at sea/in port for SFPAs countries + e-learning platform.



Possible way
forward
Pending European
Commission
request and
Administrative
Board agreement

POSSIBLE INITIATIVES FOR FUTURE COOPERATION

A more systemic approach:

- Assistance to designing training programmes and/or manuals (e.g. fight against IUU activities, Port state control, RFMOs rules, etc.);
- Assistance to establishing a reliable control system, including IT tools and data management (e.g. ERS, VMS).



The screenshot shows the ERS interface with a table of fishing trips. A red circle highlights the 'Trips' tab in the navigation menu. Red boxes and arrows highlight specific data points in the table:

- Departure 23/08/12 06:26**
- 2 fishing operations 20:00 and 21:45**
- Landing 03:30**
- Return to Port 20/08/12 03:05**

Trip ID	Issued to	Destination type	Type of destination	Estimated time	Date destination	Date message	Message
001	001	001	001	2012/08/23 06:26:00	2012/08/23 11:00:00		
002	002	002	002	2012/08/23 20:00:00	2012/08/23 11:00:00		
003	003	003	003	2012/08/23 21:45:00	2012/08/23 11:00:00		
004	004	004	004	2012/08/23 03:30:00	2012/08/23 11:00:00		
005	005	005	005	2012/08/20 03:05:00	2012/08/23 11:00:00		

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