



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-thespot training of officials from Cape Verde, Gabon and Ivory Coast.
- Approach: Shared expertise on sea/port inspection between Commission, Member States, and EFCA trainers.







EFCA recent experience in capacity building SFPAs



- 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

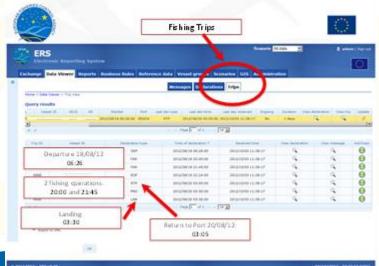


A more systemic approach:

- 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).









THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

