

Vigo – 11/04/2024

1. Joint Campaign Details

Joint Deployment Plan	<i>Baltic Sea 2023</i>		
Joint Campaign	<i>JDP-BS-2023</i>		
Reporting period	<i>From 1st of January till 31st of December 2023</i>		
Participation	<i>Germany (DE), Denmark (DK), Estonia (EE), Finland (FI), Lithuania (LT), Latvia (LV), Poland (PL) and Sweden (SE).</i>		
Operational area	<i>EU waters of ICES sub-divisions 27.3.c.22, 27.3.b.23 and 27.3.d.24-32</i>		
MS in EFCA Coordination Centre	<i>MS</i>	<i>Number of experts</i>	<i>Person-days</i>
	<i>DE</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>12</i>
	<i>DK</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>
	<i>LT</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>15</i>
	<i>LV</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>17</i>
	<i>PL</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>32</i>
	<i>SE</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>
TOTAL	<i>6 MS</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>86</i>

2. General objective

To ensure compliance with the requirements of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1986 and Regulation (EU) 2019/472 of the European Parliament and of the Council, by means of a coordinated programme of inspections of fishing vessels (FV) at sea and in ports of landing.

3. Summary

This report is covering the joint campaign activities in the Baltic Sea Joint Deployment Plan (BS JDP) operational area for demersal, pelagic and migratory species. The report provides overall summary information concerning the joint control activities carried out by air, sea and shore-based assets and inspection teams of the participating Member States (MS) from 1st of January until 31st of December 2023. It also analyses the implementation of the specific actions (SA) executed or under execution during this period.

The numbers shown in this report have been extracted from the EFCA database according to the information on MS activities submitted by the MS concerned within the context of the BS JDP. Only the verified data that met certain quality criteria were recorded in the EFCA database. The data are

provisional and are kept under continuous review. The extraction of data was done on 8th of February 2024 and concerns the BS related inspections, sightings, patrols, and targets.

a) Inspections ashore

During this reporting period there were 2 907 inspections conducted ashore, which included 2 841 inspections of fishing vessels at landing, 24 transport inspections conducted on lorries, 41 inspections of premises and 1 inspection of a recreational fishing vessel. The inspection teams reported in total 92 suspected infringements.

b) Inspections at sea

During the reporting period there were 730 inspections carried out at sea including 236 inspections of fishing gear (e.g. salmon or eel traps), with 18 suspected infringements reported in total. During the reporting period there were 484 sightings of fishing vessels at sea.

c) Aircraft surveillance

In total, MS reported 312 sightings by air, with no suspected infringements detected during the surveillance flights carried out in this period.

ANNEX I

JDP-BS-2023-01 ACTIVITY RECORDS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ¹

A. DEPLOYED CONTROL MEANS

MS	FPV		Aircraft	Exchanges of Inspectors			
	Days at sea		No. of Flights	Joint Teams at sea		Mixed Teams ashore	
	JDP committed sea days¹	Other patrols sea days (sea days with events²)		Man-days Deployed	Man-days Hosted	Man-days Deployed	Man-days Hosted
MS	537	92	75	169	65	115	115
EFCA	31		14		104		
TOTAL	568	92	89	169	169	115	115

¹ As reported in daily SITREP to EFCA.

² For other patrols the days at sea information is provided on a basis of the count of the total of days at sea with at least one event (sighting, inspection) reported by patrol vessels not committed to JDP during the reporting period.

B. JOINT CONTROL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY PARTICIPATING MS AND EFCA

		Total
SURVEILLANCE	Sightings reported by aircraft	312
	Sightings reported by FPV	484
SEA ACTIVITIES	Number of inspections by FPV	494
	Number of targeted inspections by FPV	40
LAND ACTIVITIES	Number of inspections in MS	2842
	Number of targeted inspections in MS	190

C. RESULTS OF CONTROL ACTIVITIES BY FV FLAG/OBJECT NATIONALITY

B – ACTIVITY CARRIED-OUT				
Type of Activity	Type of Deployment	Object	Indicator	Total
Surveillance	Air		Sightings reported	312
	Sea		Sightings reported	484
Inspections	Land	Vessel	No. of Inspections	2842
			No. of inspections with suspected infringements	86
			% of inspections with suspected infringements	3.0
			Total no. of suspected infringements	92
			Total no. of inspections of targets	190
			Inspections of targets with suspected infringements	1
		Transport	No. of inspections	24
		Business	No. of inspections	41
	Sea	Vessel	No. of Inspections	494
			No. of inspections with suspected infringements	13
			% of inspections with suspected infringements	2.6
			Total no. of suspected infringements	13
			Total no. of inspections of targets	40
			Inspections of targets with suspected infringements	2
		Other Trap	No. of inspections	37
		Other Fishing Gear	No. of Inspections	199
No. of inspections with suspected infringements	5			
% of inspections with suspected infringements	2.5			
Total no. of suspected infringements	5			

TYPE OF SUSPECTED INFRINGEMENTS DETECTED DURING THE JOINT CONTROL OPERATIONS BY FISHING VESSEL FLAG

2023 in BS were detected 110 infringements. EFCA received **all** inspections reports related to detected infringements. This is perfect result of close cooperation between EFCA and MS.

TYPE OF SUSPECTED INFRINGEMENTS DETECTED DURING THE JDP			
Suspected Infringement Category		Total	% Total
Non-compliance with conservation measures	Absence or non-conformity with fishing gear / device identification	7	6%
	Non-compliant gear	5	5%
	Other SI related with gear	2	2%
	Catch retain on board, land, store or transport of fish below MCRS not subject to LO	3	3%
	Fishing without a quota or after attainment of catch limit	2	2%
	Other SI related with fishing seasons, closed areas or fishing prohibition	2	2%
	Prohibited or unauthorised fishing method	2	2%
	Fishing without valid authorisation / licence	1	1%
	Fishing in closed area/period/depth	1	1%
	Retain on board, land, store or transport fish that should have been discarded at sea	1	1%
	Falsified or concealed vessel's markings, identity or registration, failure to correctly mark a vessel	1	1%
Non-compliance with the recording and reporting obligations	Difference between catch reported and landing exceeding the legal margin of tolerance	37	34%
	Not recorded, misrecorded, not reported or not reported in due time of catch declaration	23	21%
	Not submitted, not submitted on time or submitted incorrectly the PNO	14	13%
	Other SI related with fishing vessel recording and reporting obligations operations	2	2%
	Not onboard or not updated paper logbook	1	1%
	Not recorded, misrecorded, not reported or not reported in due time the landing declaration	1	1%
Other types of non-compliance	Failure to facilitate safe access of inspectors	4	4%
	Other SI related with authorisations and certification requirements	1	1%
Total		110	100%