
EFCA work priorities for 2025 on the International Dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy

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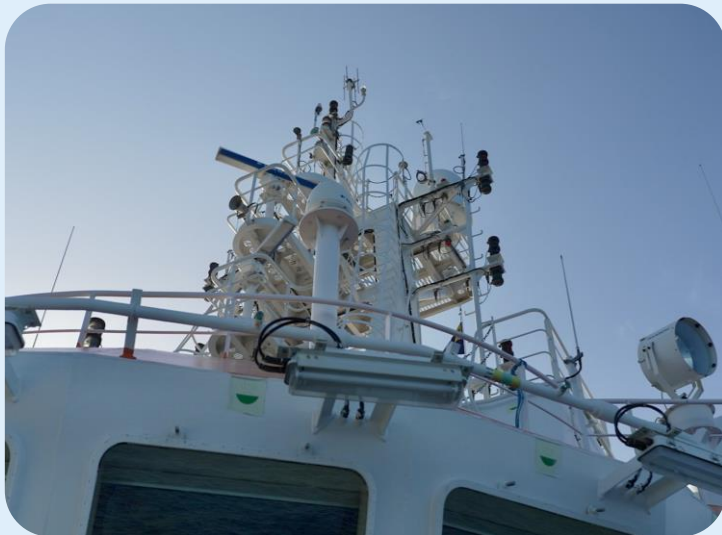


Objectives agreed for 2025 by EFCA Administrative Board



Multiannual objectives		Areas of intervention
1	Enhanced coordination of fisheries monitoring control and surveillance	Operational Coordination
2	Promote compliance through an effective and harmonized application of Union inspection procedures	Assistance to Operations
3	Assist the EU in its international dimension in accordance with article 30 CFP Regulation	International Dimension
4	Provide support to EU authorities including in Coast Guard functions	Innovation and cooperation

What is new in the EFCA work for 2025?



Main deletions in the activities from 2024 to 2025:

- The Project “Analysis for the weighing process of fisheries products in the Member States and strategy” was concluded in 2024
- The Project “Mediterranean virtual regional training academy on fisheries control and inspection” that will conclude in January 2025.

New tasks

- The activities under the new Objective 7: Innovation and preparation of the revised fisheries control regime:
 - Develop a roadmap for the implementation of the new tasks assigned by the revised Fisheries Control Regulation to EFCA in support to the Commission and the Member States
 - Support provided to the Commission and Member States for the implementation of the revised Fisheries Control Regulation
 - Preparation of the new tasks for EFCA as regards REM systems, lost gears, risk assessment of engine power and compilation of annual reports from Member States

- The preparation and implementation of possible new projects in Western (WASOP), Central Africa and Southwestern Indian Ocean (SWIOP) under Objective 6.

Growth of existing tasks

- Preparation and launching of the procurement of the Chartered Fisheries Offshore Patrol vessels

Strategy for International Dimension



Background

- Multiannual International Relations Strategy 2025-2029 agreed
- Promoting principles and standards under Union law beyond EU waters
on with third countries and/or international organisations
- Level-playing field for EU & non-EU operators
- Implementation is discussed and agreed between DG MARE & EFCA

EFCA Actions 2025

- Implementation of International Control Schemes through JDPs
- Assisting EU in their Relations with Regional Fisheries Management organisations (RFMOs) & third countries
- Support to implementation of control aspect of EU IUU fishing Catch Certification scheme (workshops, exchanges)
- Analyses of catch certificates and processing statements issued by third countries

International projects

- Algeria: Support to implementation of VMS
- West and East Africa: Capacity building activities, support to operational activities & implementation of specific projects

Added value

- Standardised and harmonised implementation of fisheries control activities at international level
- Equal treatment of operators in EU & international areas

Overview

International Dimension



Operational activities



Implementation of JDPs in international fisheries:

- ICCAT (Bluefin tuna and Swordfish Med)
- GFCM Mediterranean Fisheries
- NAFO & NEAFC

Deployment of EFCA chartered means in support of the international inspection scheme in NAFO, NEAFC, ICCAT and GFCM

Promotion of exchanges of inspectors of Member States and with Third Countries

Support to MS and the Commission



NAFO, NEAFC, ICCAT, GFCM & IOTC

- Support to the EU delegation in the preparation of **RFMO** meetings and implementation of **control measures**
- Support in implementation of **international inspection schemes, pilot projects, organisation of workshops** and implementation of specific **measures** adopted at international level.
- Support to the EU Delegation as regards meetings, training and assistance to Third Countries in relation to **MCS activities**

Support to MS and the Commission



Northeast Atlantic Coastal States

- Bilateral and multinational Fora
- MoUs or bilateral frameworks for the cooperation on control with coastal states
- Bilateral and multilateral MCS working groups of control experts
- Operational activities in line with future agreement on MCS procedures under cooperation frameworks

Capacity Building

Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs)

SFPAs

- Western African non-EU countries & South West Indian Ocean
 - Joint control operations and risk assessment
 - Capacity building missions for officials contributing to monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries



Illegal, Unreported Unregulated Fishing

Actions

- Assistance and cooperation with the European Commission on analysis of documents and evaluation mission to third countries as regards the implementation of the IUU Regulation
- Increased collaboration with Commission and Member States IUU competent authorities in the CATCH project,
- FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU fishing (PSMA)



International Projects



❖ Blue Economy – Fisheries and aquaculture in Algeria

Expected signatures of the
Contribution Agreements for:

- ❖ The **West Africa Sustainable Ocean Programme**, fisheries MCS support to regional bodies in Africa, following the Commission Implementing Decision C(2023)8225, Annex 19,
- ❖ The **Sustainable Western Indian Ocean Programme**, fisheries MCS support to regional bodies and countries in Western Indian Ocean, following Commission Implementing Decision C(2024)3825, Annex 17

International Projects



Projects will follow the scheme of PESCAO:

- ❖ Support through Regional Organisations of the area
- ❖ Operational activities support: Joint inspections, joint coordination, risk assessment
- ❖ Capacity building for inspectors and personnel
- ❖ Provision of satellite imagery
- ❖ Support to Regional FMCs provision, observers, etc.

Conclusions



- ❑ EFCA will continue to dedicate resources and efforts to improve the compliance with the rules at international level
- ❑ The Plan for 2025 is very ambitious and will require efforts to work in all different areas as presented
- ❑ EFCA objective is to extend the EFCA working methods at international level: Cooperation, coordination, transparency, building trust are key in our agenda
- ❑ We also wish to continue with the great cooperation with the LDAC as a key partner of EFCA through the Advisory Board

Thank you!

