



# **New Developments in VMS/MCS Technologies - a powerful tool against IUU fishing**

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# Real-time catch reporting

- Advanced ERS systems record and transmit each fishing action and catch **in real time**
- Inspectors check and compare reported with real situation at any time and can detect the difference
- VMS transponders with ERS transmission capability are a wise investment – no need for additional devices

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# Embedded geo-zones

- Protected fishing zones (MPA's) are difficult to control
- Conventional VMS systems enable short intrusions into protected areas
- New technologies instantly alert entrance into protected area

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# Net authentication

- Controls the usage of allowed nets and other tools
- Combines the net information with time and place of use – alerts of infringements
- Each tool/net is marked by fishery authority with unique robust authentication tag
- „Ghosts” get their name

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# Anti-tamper measures

- **VMS device tampering typically includes disconnection of VMS transmitter from power, sending false position reports and other**
- **New anti-tampering measures detect and prevent tampering attempts and thus provide deterrence to tampering as well as evidence of tampering**

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# Fish-To-Fishermen (F2F)

- Feed of local VMS data to fishermen's electronic chart (e.g. 2 nm around the vessel)
- Observing of IUU by fishermen through comparing with surrounding VMS feed
- Provision of instant and relevant IUU alerts
- Targeted inspection interventions
- Incentives to participating fishermen
- Discretion and protection

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# CONCLUSION

- VMS is not any more only position, speed and course because of limited results
- New technologies enable precise and reliable information, supporting many other important aspects of fishery control and especially
- **Application of new technologies greatly improves fight against IUU fishing**

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# Thanks!

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