

# **CFCA: Use of VMS in Joint Control Operations**

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#### The Role of the EU Commission:

- Formulates policy (CFP)
- Verifies the implementation of Community rules by the Member States
- Negotiates agreements with third countries and represent the EU in the framework of Regional Fisheries Organisations



## The Role of the Member States in control and enforcement of CFP



- The Member State is responsible:
  - √ For the activities in their waters
  - ✓ For the vessels flying their flag
  - √ For their nationals
- Ensuring sufficient control, inspection and surveillance
  - ✓ Inside and outside Community waters





#### Main role of the CFCA



- Organising operational cooperation between Member States (MS) through Joint Deployment Plans (JDP)
- Assisting the Community and Member States in their relations with third countries and RFMOs
- Assisting the Member States and the Commission in the area of its competence (training, new inspection methods, inspection equipment, etc.)



#### **Strategy and objectives**



- Mid-term strategy guided by the new control regulation and the revision of the CFP and implemented by a (multi) annual WP
- The CFCA has two main strategic axes:
  - Operational coordination
    - Implementation of IUU regulation
    - Joint Deployment Plans
  - Capacity Building
    - Data monitoring and networks
    - Training
    - Pooled capacities



### 2011 Operational Coordination through JDPS



- Ongoing:
  - Cod fisheries in the Baltic Sea
  - Bluefin Tuna Fisheries in the Mediterranean and Eastern Atlantic
  - Cod Fisheries in The North sea and Western Waters
  - NAFO and NEAFC Regulatory Areas
  - Pelagics in Western Waters







#### **CFCA VMS**



- Operational from 2009
- Software "off the shelf" customised for CFCA
- Web interface
- VMS data is received directly from FMCs
- Data formats and exchange protocols are standard
- CFCA redistribute data to TJDG, national FMCs and means of control, as agreed in JDPs
- In 2011 CFCA has exchanged 8 million VMS messages from 4520 vessels of 49 Flag States.













