

# The Approach to Developing a Vessel Monitoring System for Montenegro



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## **LAW ON MARINE FISHERIES AND MARICULTURE (2009)**

### **Article 105.**

A fishing vessel engaged in commercial fishing of an overall length of more than 15 metres shall have installed on board a functional automatic location communicator system (ALC) which allows detection and identification of the fishing vessel by the remote monitoring system or the system referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.



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**□ Duration**

September 2010 – March 2012

**□ Purpose**

The strengthening of Montenegrin capacity to effectively manage the harvest of marine fishery resources within the context of the Common Fisheries Policy and full stakeholder participation.

**□ Concept**

An integrated approach to fishery management planning, implementation and enforcement.



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**□ Component 2**

To strengthen the capacity of the Fisheries Inspectorate to monitor and control marine fishing activity and enforce the Fishery Law (2009) and related regulations.

**□ Result 2.4**

VMS has been established for all vessels > 15 m and is functioning effectively.



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#### Approach

- Create a VMS system in Montenegro using custom designed software independent of the device used. MARD will be the owner of source code giving independence of action in modifications and maintenance.
- Provide “blue boxes” to MARD for distribution to licensed fishing vessels (> 12 m).
- Establish fully equipped Fisheries Monitoring Centre
- Fully integrate VMS with the FIS (vessel registration, licenses and logbook system).



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#### Issues

- Delay in procurement of “blue boxes”
- Need secondary legislation on implementation of VMS.

#### Related Activities

- Training
- Increased number of FIS modules
- Strengthened dock side monitoring & at-sea inspection.
- Draft fisheries management plan
- Resource assessments
- Stakeholder participation
- Electronic log books



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