



EFCA: Use of VMS in Joint Control Operations

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The Role of the EU Commission:



- Formulates common fisheries 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 EFCA

- **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 EFCA 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

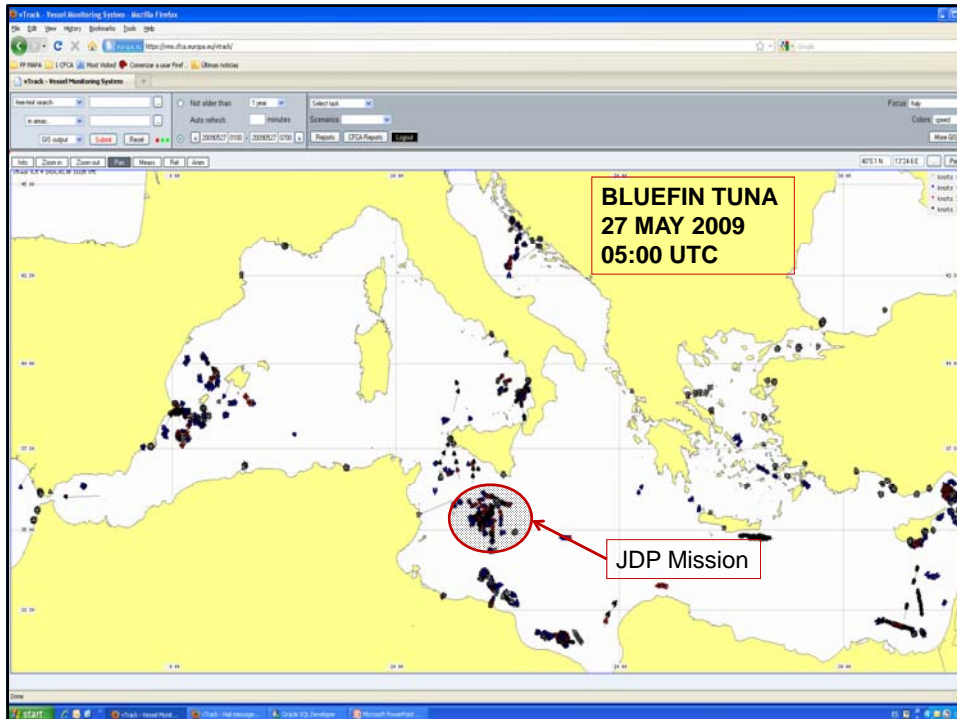
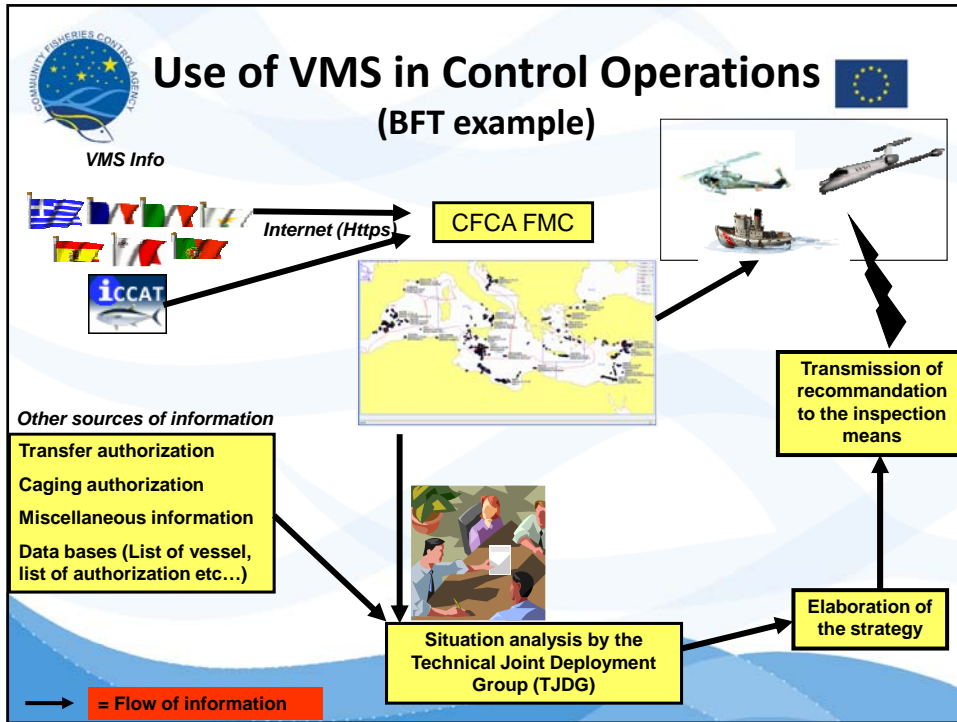


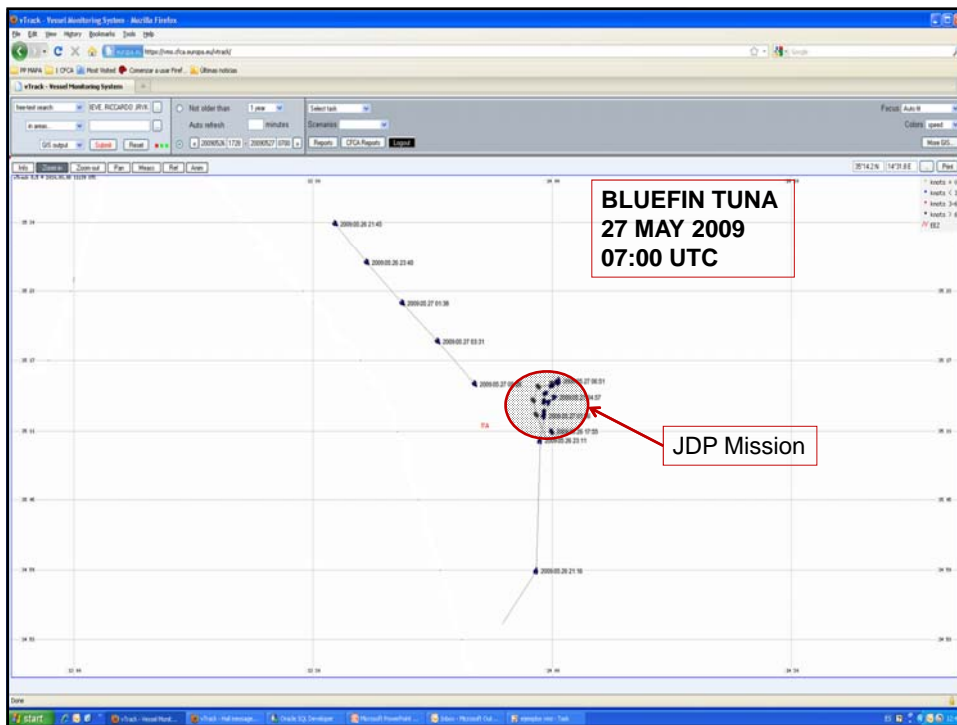
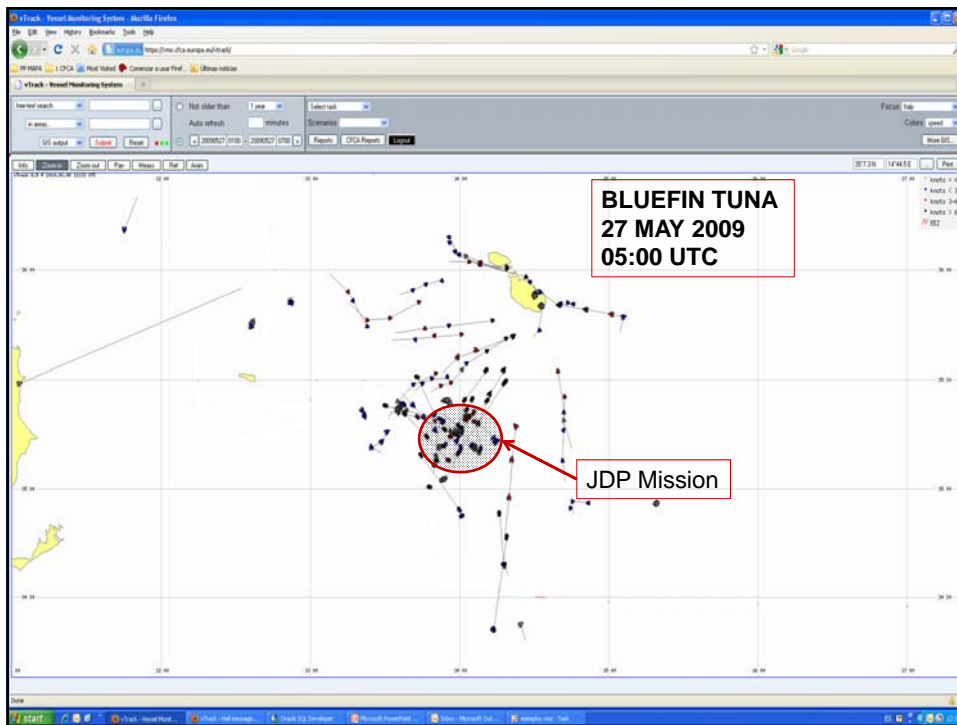


CFCA VMS



- **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.**









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