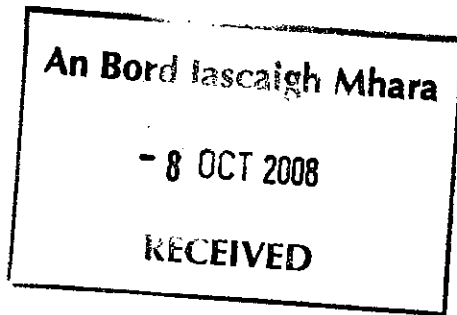




COMMUNITY FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY
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CONSULTATION

Subject: Advisory Board Meeting results and consultation on the duration of the mandate of the representative of the Advisory Board in the Administrative Board.

Dear Member of the Advisory Board,

The intention of this letter is primarily to inform you of the main issues discussed during the meeting of the Advisory Board of the Community Fisheries Control Agency that took place at the CFCA premises in Vigo last 24th of September 2008 (See Annex I). The PowerPoint presentations reporting the CFCA activities during 2008 and the draft CFCA Work Programme for 2009 given during the meeting are also attached (Annexes II and III).

This letter is also intended to open a **consultation with the RACs about the duration of the mandate of the representative of the Advisory Board in the Administrative Board**. This point was discussed during the meeting but due to disagreements and to the absence of representation from some RACs the decision was postponed and left to be solved during the next Advisory Board meeting at the beginning of 2009.

The current situation is the following. There is one elected representative of the Advisory Board in the Administrative Board with a 3-years mandate. However, some RACs consider that the mandate should be reduced to 1 year. Therefore, the following options were envisaged:

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- Maintain the status quo.
- Change the duration of the mandate to 1 year.
- Maintain the 3-years mandate but electing one representative and one reserve, who would alternate to attend the meetings.

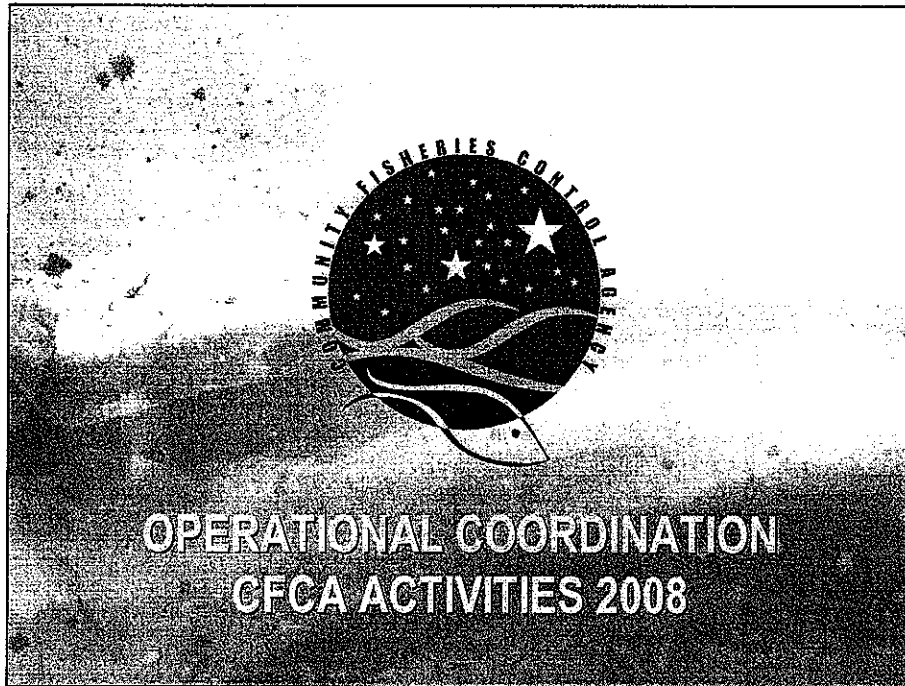
It would be highly appreciated if you could discuss this issue internally and communicate the CFCA which of these options you prefer, in order to be ready to take a decision at the next Advisory Board meeting.

Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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Harm Koster
Executive Director



MISSION AND VISION

- *"The Agency's mission is to promote and enforce the highest common standards for the enforcement of the CFP"*
- *"The Member States and the stakeholders should benefit of an independent and level playing field for the enforcement of the CFP that has as its main objective to ensure a long term biological and ecological sustainable exploitation of resources that constitute a common good"*

MAIN ROLE

- The Agency's role consists in:
 - coordinating operational cooperation between MS for control and inspection activities.
 - Assisting the Community and MS in their relations with third countries and RFMOs.
 - ensuring cooperation with stakeholders, in particular representatives of the RACs.

Main achievements

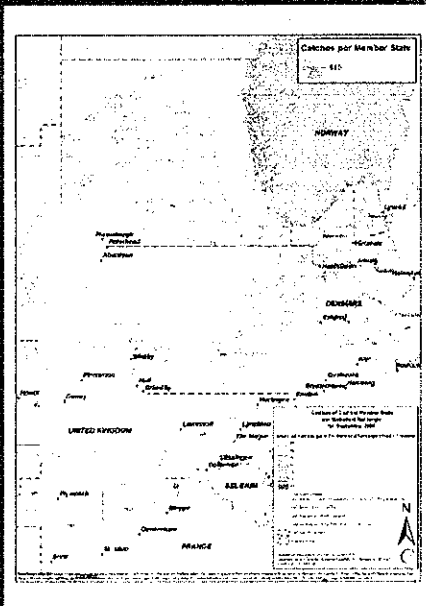
- Administrative and operational start-up
- Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) North Sea, Skagerrak, Kattegat and the Eastern Channel
- Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) Baltic Sea
- Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) Bluefin Tuna
- Joint Deployment Plan North Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)

Joint Deployment Plan North Sea



Results: Up to present 12 cross border joint campaigns carried out with mixed teams

	2007	2008
• Member States involved:	7	7
• Campaign days:	85	106
• Patrol vessels deployed:	33	26
• Aircraft deployed:	12	7
• Inspectors (mixed teams)	39	33
• Inspections:	529	562
• Infractions detected:	60	38




Assessment of the fishing activity




Joint Deployment Plan Baltic Sea


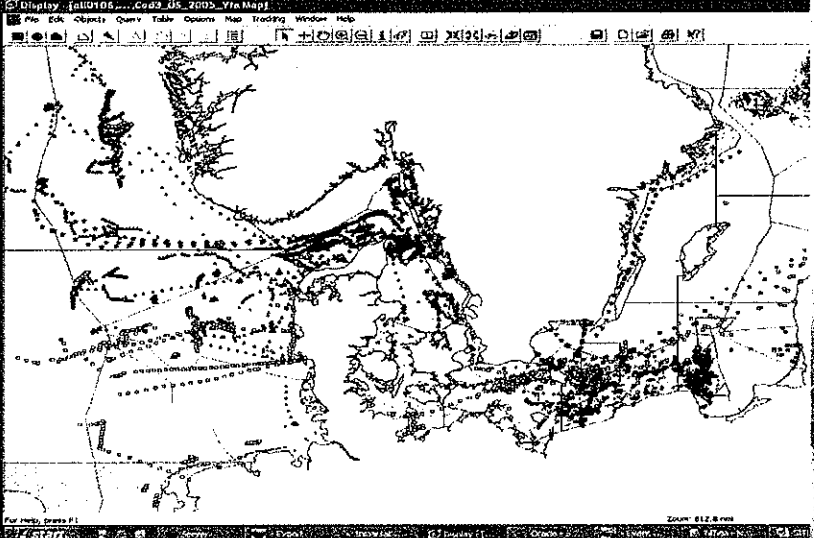
Results: Up to present 14 cross border joint campaigns carried out with mixed teams

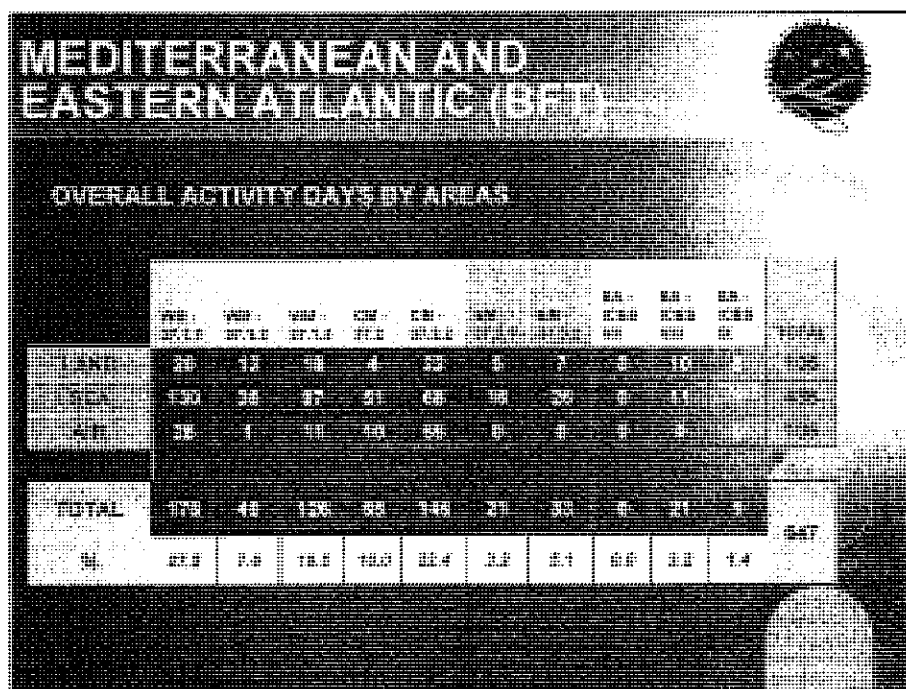
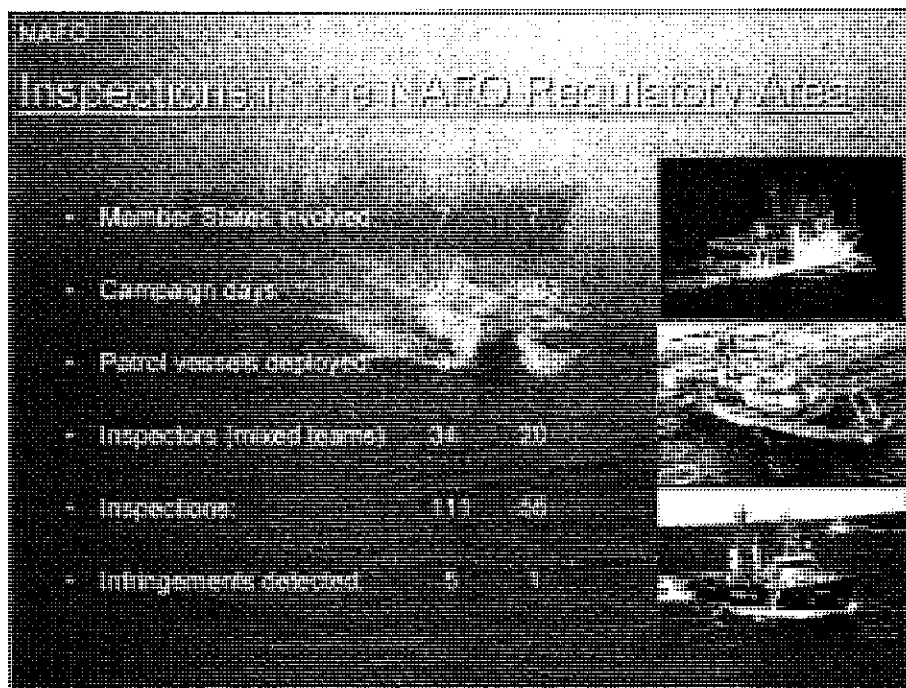


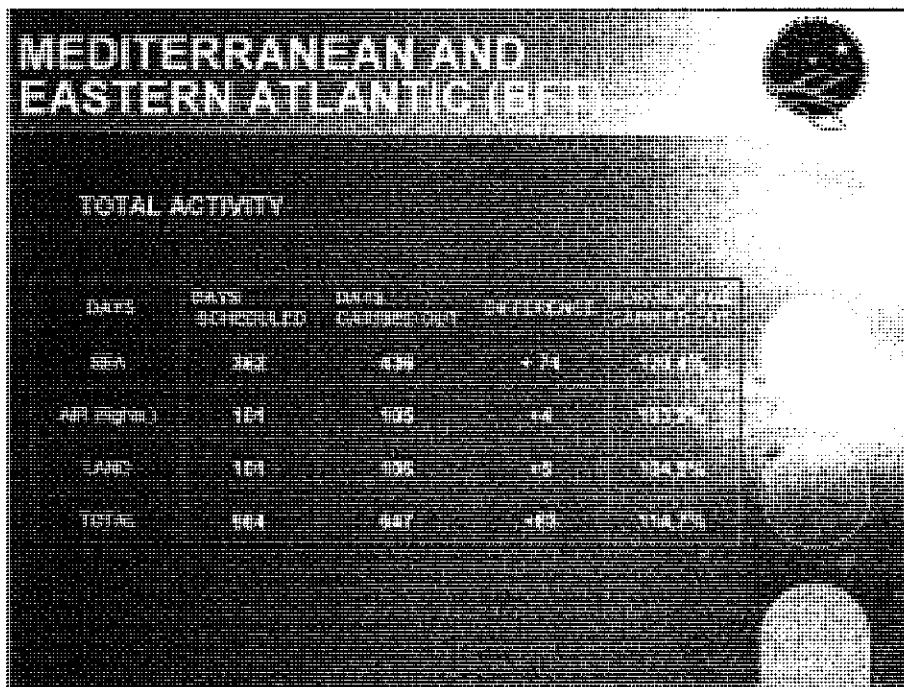
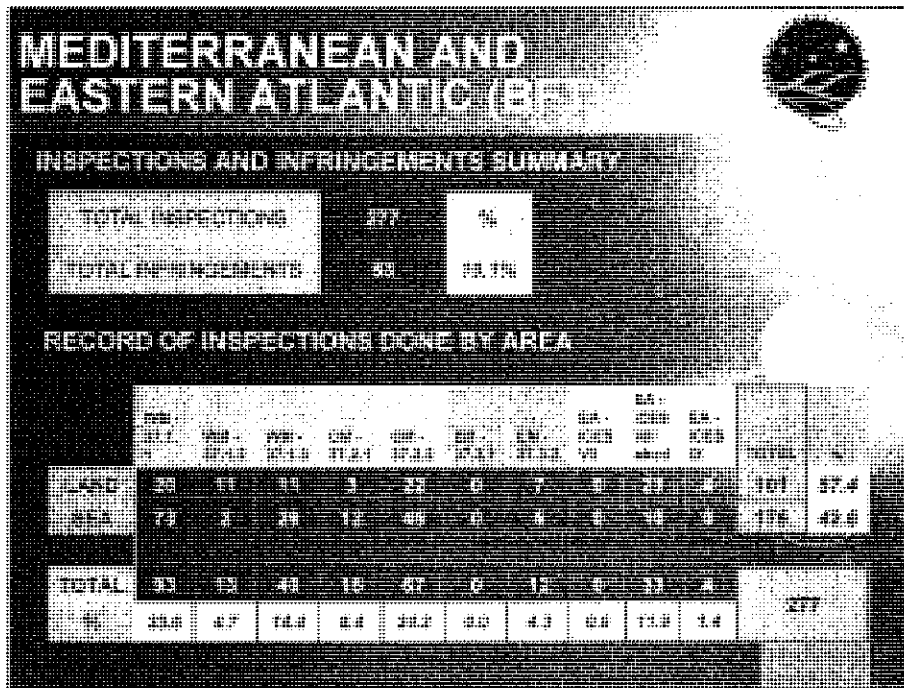
	2007	2008
• Member States involved:	8	8
• Campaign days:	92	122
• Patrol vessels deployed:	18	31
• Aircraft deployed:	3	6
• Inspectors (mixed teams)	34	44
• Inspections:	500	1187
• Infringements detected:	37	95

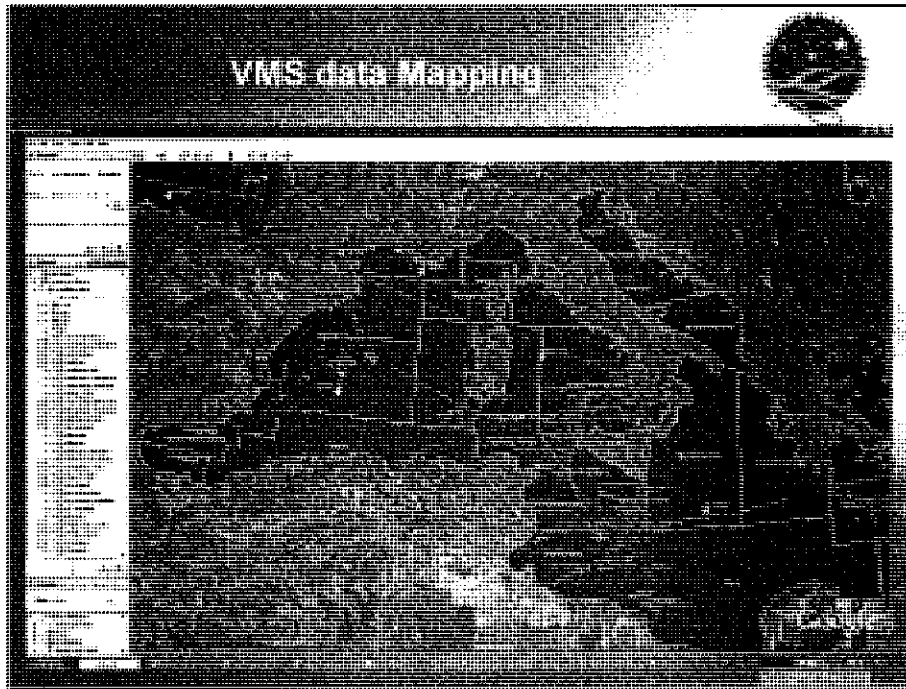


Vms data exchange







CFCA Training

- Need for training of fisheries inspectors
- The CFCA organised in 2007-2008
 - 8 seminars on BFT (in different Ms)
 - 2 Seminars on NAFO (Vigo Spain)
 - 1 seminar on the North Sea and 1 on the Baltic Sea
- The CFCA will in 2009
 - Develop and organise training courses and seminars in VIGO and in the Member States
 - Create a CORE CURRICULUM for Community Inspectors

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ANNEX I: CFCA Advisory Board meeting, 24/09/2008

CFCA: Harm Koster, Pedro Galache, Miguel Nuevo, Patricia Sanchez.

RAC representatives: Hugo Andersson from the NSRAC, Jacques Pichon from the NWWRAC, Victor Badiola from the SWWRAC, Antonio Cabral from the LDRAC.

Final Agenda:

1. Welcome by the Executive Director of the CFCA, Mr. Harm Koster.
2. Report of the activities during 2008 by the Head of Unit C, Mr. Pedro Galache.
3. Presentation of the draft Work Programme for 2009 by the Head of Unit C, Mr. Pedro Galache.
4. Duration of the mandate of the representative of the Advisory Board in the Administrative Board.
5. Discussion on the cooperation with the RACs.
6. AOB.

Points to be highlighted

There was a question regarding if the CFCA had the intention of deploying any activity in Western Waters. The CFCA is slowly starting activities in the area by preparing a JDP (to be implemented for the first time in 2009) on West of Scotland and the Irish Sea that would extend the activities being carried out in the North Sea.

A suggestion to involve RAC representatives in seminars to be organised by the CFCA with the MS and the Commission was acknowledged and welcomed by the CFCA.

The idea of having a long term representative of the Advisory Board in the Administrative Board was preferred by some and a proposal was made to maintain the current one (Mr. Hugo Andersson from the NSRAC) until the end of 2009. However, there were also claims that southern RACs do not feel well represented by northern RAC representatives and that prefer 1-year mandates.

Due to the disagreement and to the lack of enough RACs represented in this advisory board, the decision was postponed until the next advisory board meeting at the beginning of 2009. Meanwhile, it was agreed that the CFCA will launch a written consultation to all RACs asking for their opinion on this issue (duration of mandate and selection of representative before the administrative board).

The CFCA is ready to collaborate with the RACs. If the subject of a conference, seminar, etc. is clearly focused on control and inspection and it is requested by the organising RAC, then the CFCA will always try to send a representative to participate in the discussions.