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## European Fisheries Control Agency

## PESCAO Project in West Africa

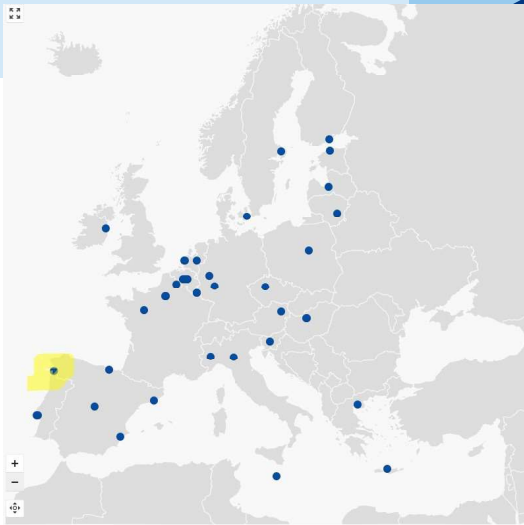
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7th GEFTW  
International cooperation  
and partnership  
Halifax, 31 July 2023

Pedro Galache,  
Head of Unit Coast Guard and  
International Programmes



# EU Agencies



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**Legal basis: Regulation (EU) 2019/473 on the  
European Fisheries Control Agency**

**Headquarters: Vigo (Spain), relocated in 1 July  
2008**

**Operational from 1 January 2007**



## General objectives

We function at the highest level of excellence and transparency with a view to developing the necessary confidence and cooperation of all parties involved and to ensure effectiveness and efficiency of operations.



Compliance



Harmonisation



Cost-efficiency

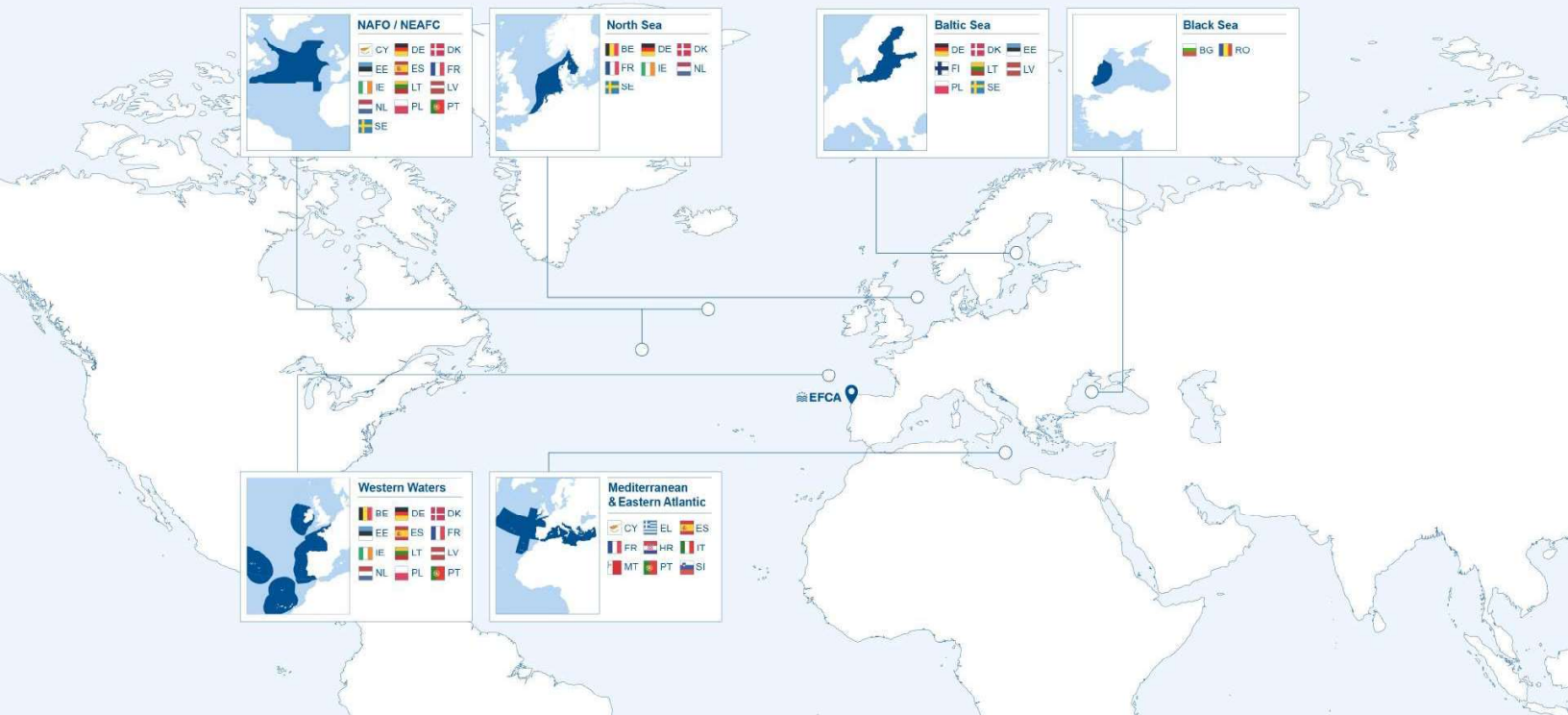


## EU Fisheries control: who does what?

- **Member States** are responsible for control of:
  - ✓ Activities in their waters/territory
  - ✓ Vessels flying their flag
  - ✓ Their nationals
- **European Commission:** Formulates policy (CFP) to be adopted by the legislator and verifies its implementation by Member States
- **EFCA:** Coordinates and assists Member States and the European Commission



## Implementation of six Joint Deployment Plans

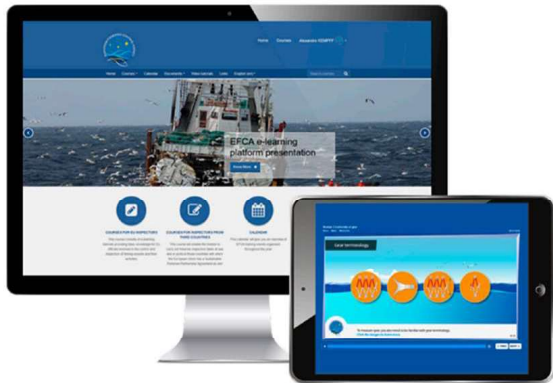
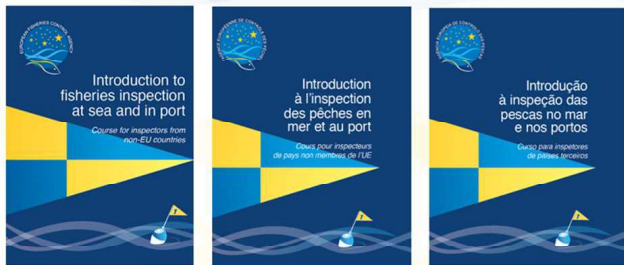


# JDP inspections and suspected infringements evolution

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\*2022 data available on 15th February 2023. Additional data may be received later from Member States. 2021 data as reported in the 2021 Annual Report.



## Training material

- EU Core Curriculum
- Specific manuals for EU and International inspectors
- e-learning platform
- Training Courses

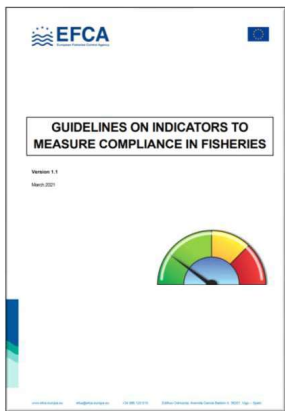
## Training activities during 2022:

- 43 events for EU inspectors/officials
- 10 events for non-EU inspectors
- 1188 Active users in the E-learning platform
- 2967 EU, MS and Third Countries officials benefit from EFCA



### Development of methodologies and fisheries information systems in support of MCS activities

- Guidelines in Risk management and Compliance Indicators,
- Operational Data exchange (Catches, position, inspection reports, intelligence)
- Use of new control technologies – satellite imagery, specific systems
- Remote Electronic Monitoring working group
- Support electronic Inspections and Surveillance Report (e-ISR) working group





## Chartering of means



### EFCA Offshore fisheries patrol vessels



Ocean Protector and Ocean Guardian are deployed in the Atlantic Ocean, while Ocean Sentinel is deployed the Mediterranean Sea. They are equipped with RPAS

They serve as a platform for inspections for EU Inspectors and Third Countries inspectors

EFCA also charters an airplane to support JDP operations



## International Dimension



Support the EU in the implementation of the external dimension of the CFP

### Areas of intervention:

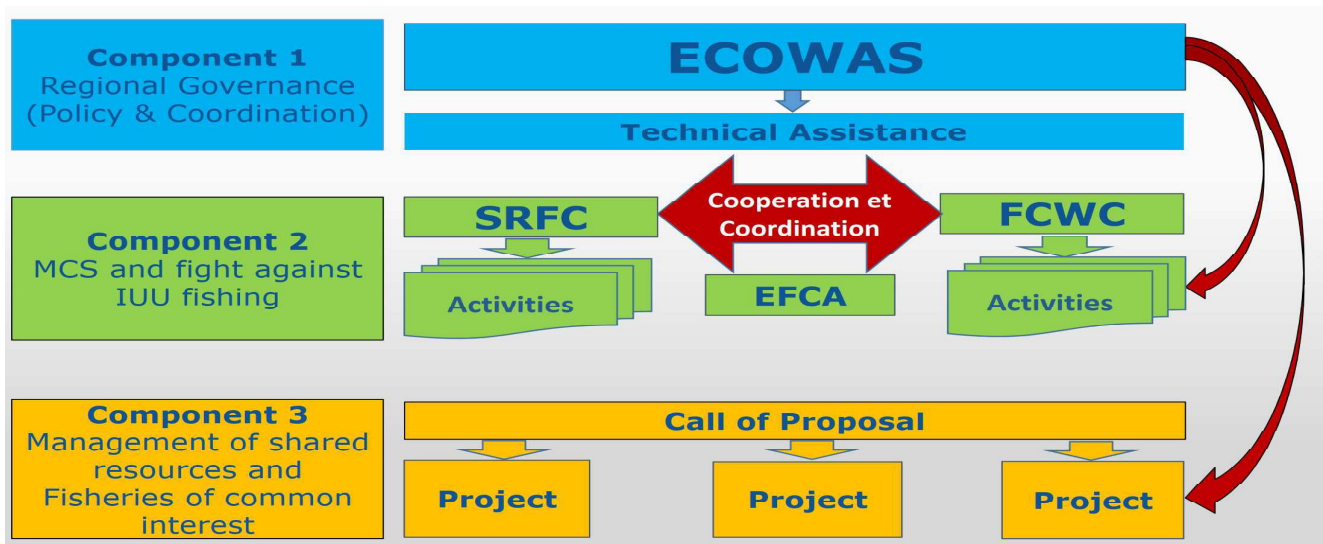
- Implement JDPs to ensure the EU contribution to the fisheries control in the RFMOs
- Support to RFMOs and control WG and fora with Third Countries
- Capacity building in the framework of SFPAs
- Fight IUU at international level
- Other actions: Projects: PESCAO, Algeria, efishMed, ECOFISH



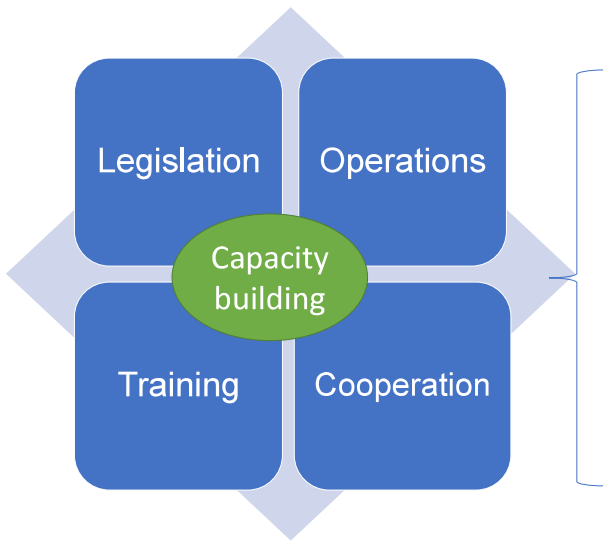
# PESCAO Project Overview



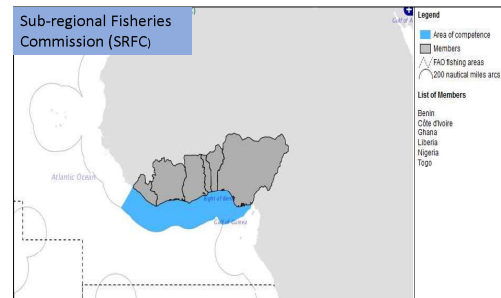
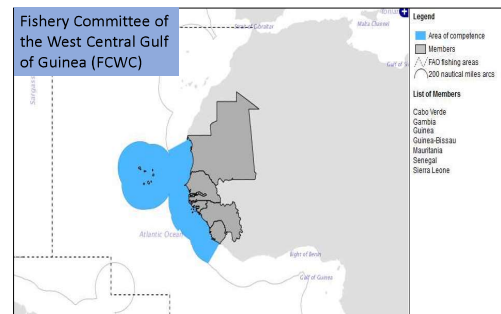
The PESCAO project, funded by the UE, aims to enhance the contribution of fisheries resources to sustainable development, food security and poverty alleviation in West Africa



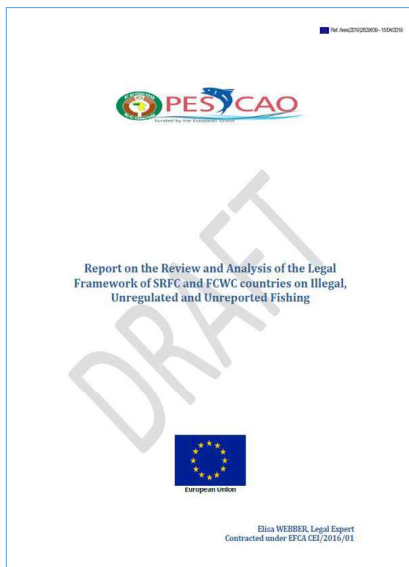
# Axis for the intervention of EFCA-PESCAO (2018-2023): Activities/scope



EFCA supports to  
FCWC and SRFC  
and their **13** Member  
States



# Harmonisation and updating of national legal frameworks



Document yearly updated  
on the basis of information  
received from countries  
(through FCWC and SRFC)  
+  
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## Facilitate the cooperation between the actors

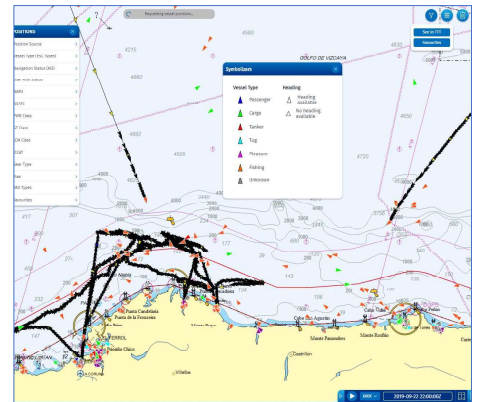
### ADMINISTRATIVE COOPERATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

- In the framework of the legal study : **updating** information on the MCS administrative organisation in each FCWC/SRFC Member State.
- Support to reinforcement of the interservices coordination in the framework of the legal support.
- Support to the organisation of inter-agency workshops

## Support to regional MCS structures

### TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FMC STRUCTURES

- Assistance for the setting-up of the FCWC Regional Maritime Surveillance and Control Centre (RMCS)
- Support to drafting of SOPs for the RMCS





## Support to joint control campaigns

### PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT TO JOINT CONTROL OPERATIONS

- Support to 12 SRFC joint operations + 1 African Nemo joint Patrol in 2023
- Support to 1 FCWC pilot joint patrol at sea with Benin and Togo + 2 African Nemo joint Patrols
- Chartering of aerial asset for supporting operations



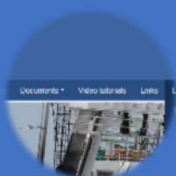
## Training and capacity building support



Train the  
trainers



Training for  
inspectors



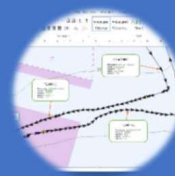
E- Learning  
and on line  
training  
sessions



Training  
manuals



Catch  
Certification  
Scheme



Training for  
FMC  
operators



Training for  
Judges and  
prosecutors

## Training and capacity building support

### FMC OPERATORS

• 97 FMC operators trained

### INSPECTORS

• 311 inspectors trained

### TRAINERS

• 41 trainers trained

### CATCH CERTIFICATION SCHEME

• 88 officials trained

### JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS

• 114 judges and prosecutors trained



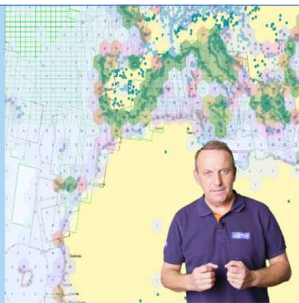
# Training and capacity building support



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## LES FONDAMENTAUX

Séquence 1.1  
Les bases géodésiques



**VIDEO TUTORIALS ON FISHERIES INSPECTION (EN, FR, PT)**



## Course for operators of fisheries monitoring centres on vessel tracking systems

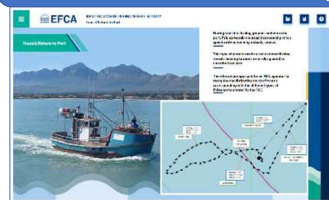
Non-EU countries



**MANUAL FOR FMC OPERATORS (EN, FR, PT)**



**E-LEARNING MODULES FOR FMC OPERATORS (EN, FR, PT)**



## Conclusions

The cooperation and sharing of expertise is a very powerful tool to fight against illegal fishing. This is the scheme that EFCA is implementing in the EU

PESCAO project is a good example of collaboration between control authorities to get results: capacity building, joint control, exchange of intelligence, risk assessment, etc

EFCA is delivering other projects linked with control in North Africa and also in the Indian Ocean, in cooperation with the IOC. Some new projects are in the pipeline

Still a lot to do, but promising the will of cooperation !



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