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Subject: EU report on the implementation of the 2011 Interim Measures for Pelagic Fisheries.

Dear Secretary,

Please find attached the EU annual report on the implementation of the 2011 Interim Measures for Pelagic Fisheries in accordance with paragraph 18 of these Measures.

The EU is of the view that thorough implementation of the Interim Measures is of utmost importance for the conservation and sustainable management of pelagic fisheries in the SPRFMO Area.

The EU therefore considers it imperative that Participants engaged in the Trachurus species fishery in the area in the course of 2011 submit their annual implementation reports by the required deadline of 15 January 2012 in order to allow for their thorough analysis ahead of the discussions at the 3rd Preparatory Conference.

I would be grateful if you would disseminate this letter to other SPRFMO Participants.

Roberto CESARI
Head of EU Delegation
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EU ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2011 INTERIM MEASURES FOR PELAGIC FISHERIES.

Effort management measures:

The EU enshrined the provisions concerning the limitation of the gross tonnage (GT) of vessels flying the flag of its Member States, as well as provisions for catch limitation in the SPRFMO Convention Area into EU legislation through the Council Regulation (EU) 57/2011 of 18 January 2011 fixing for 2011 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in EU waters, and, for EU vessels, in certain non-EU waters.

The gross tonnage of the vessels in 2007, 2008 or 2009 flying the flag of the EU Member States was limited to 78,610 tonnes in accordance with this Regulation and was not exceeded at any point in 2011.

The effective presence of vessels was verified through VMS records and catch reports which were submitted to the SPRFMO Interim Secretariat.

Catch management:

The EU Regulation 57/2011 set a pelagic fisheries catch limitation for vessels present in the area at 40,649 tonnes, with the allocation of 10,223.67 tonnes to vessels flying the flag of Germany, 11,080.80 tonnes to vessels flying the flag of the Netherlands, 7,112.63 to vessels flying the flag of Lithuania and 12,231.90 to the vessels flying the flag of Poland.

The catch limitation of 40,649 tonnes corresponds to 40% reduction in relation to the 2010 catch of jack mackerel reported by the EU vessels.

The catch reported by the EU vessels in 2011 was far below the 2011 catch limitation (preliminary data 2,261 tonnes).

Data collection and reporting:

The monthly catch data and VMS records were provided by the EU within the required formats by the required deadlines. The EU also provided the list of vessels engaged in transshipment in the Convention Area.

The EU provided verified data collected in accordance with SPRFMO Data Standards by the required deadline.

The EU provided the annual national report 3 weeks in advance of the Science Working Group meeting. The report included available information from the 2011 fishing season in order to facilitate the work of the SWG.

Monitoring and control measures:

The vessels flying the flag of EU Member States carried the required observer coverage and conducted the collection of data in accordance with the SPRFMO Data Standards.

All vessels flying the flag of EU Member States of 15 meters length overall or more are equipped with a vessel monitoring system, in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 (control regulation).