

## EU ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED PELAGIC INTERIM MEASURES IN 2010.

### Effort management measures and supplemental management measures:

The EU transposed 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) 53/2010 of 14 January 2010 fixing for 2010 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in EU waters, and, for EU vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required and amending Regulations (EC) No 1359/2008, (EC) No 754/2009, (EC) No 1226/2009 and (EC) 1287/2009.

This included a catch limitation for vessels present in the area in 2007 and 2008, on the basis of the annual level of catches recorded for 2007 and allowing for small (10%) exceedances, as well as a catch limitation for vessels which entered the fishery in 2009 to ensure that a restraint on 2010 catches is exercised, following the agreement reached during the 2009 Auckland's meeting.

The effective presence of the vessels was verified through VMS records and catch reports and those may be submitted to the SPRFMO Interim Secretariat on request. At no point in the course of 2010 the level of GT of 78,600 allocated to the EU was exceeded.

### Data collection, reporting and monitoring (observer's coverage) and control measures:

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

The EU notified the Interim Secretariat of the vessels actively fishing in the course of 2010 as well as provided a list of vessels that participated in transshipment in 2009. The EU will notify the vessels that participated in transshipment in 2010 in due course.

The EU provided the Interim Secretariat with the estimated monthly catches of *Trachurus* species by the end of each month.

The vessels flying the flag of EU Member States carried the required observer coverage (10% on the Polish-flagged vessels and 15% on the remaining vessels) and collection of data in accordance with the SPRFMO Data Standards was ensured.

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).

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