

## **EU ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 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) 47/2012 of 17 January 2012 fixing for 2012 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 for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks which are subject to international negotiations or agreement.

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 2012.

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

### Catch management:

The EU Regulation 43/2012 set a pelagic fisheries catch limitation for vessels present in the area at 27,000 tonnes, with the allocation of 6,790.50 tonnes to vessels flying the flag of Germany, 7,360.20 tonnes to vessels flying the flag of the Netherlands, 4,725 to vessels flying the flag of Lithuania and 8,124.30 to the vessels flying the flag of Poland.

No catch was reported by the EU vessels in 2012.

### Data collection and reporting:

The monthly catch reports (despite absence of catches) were provided by the EU by the required deadlines.

The EU did not provide an annual national report in advance of the Science Working Group meeting as there was no fishing activity in 2012. Data for fishing activity in 2011 was provided to the SWG last year.

### Monitoring and control measures:

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).