

Recommendation n° 46

**Mandate the European Fisheries Control Agency to act in the
French Outermost Regions**

Considering that the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) promotes the common implementation of control, inspection and surveillance standards within the framework of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), promoting the cooperation between the national control and inspection activities, which are fundamental to the creation of a level playing field at European level, for the fisheries sector.

Considering that, in order to encourage a closer collaboration and the exchange of good practices between European countries, EFCA organizes Joint Deployment Plans (JDPs), which provide the joint and coordinated use of national resources (inspection vessels, surveillance aircraft, joint mobile inspection teams, etc.), to monitor and inspect fishing activities, covered by the rules of the CFP.

Considering, furthermore, that the French Outermost Regions (ORs) systematically report problems related to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and that the EFCA does not have a mandate to organize JDPs and carry out inspections in these Regions.

Considering the article 95 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 of November 2009, establishing a community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy, *«The Commission in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 119 and in concert with the Member State concerned, may determine which fisheries shall be subject to specific control and inspection programmes».*

Considering the above mentioned:

The Outermost Regions Advisory Council (CCRUP) recommends that French Member-state requests the European Commission the approval of a Specific Control and Inspection Program, covering the French ORs.