



REVISION OF THE FISHERIES CONTROL SYSTEM

FACING THE NEW CHALLENGES OF THE EU
CONTROL FISHERIES SYSTEM

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WHY DO WE NEED A REVISION?

Fisheries control: Commission urges IRELAND to establish the framework for an effective enforcement of points systems

The Commission decided today to send a letter of formal notice to Ireland over its failure to implement a point system for fisheries as required under the EU Control Regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No 1004/2009). A point system is required when it comes to serious infringements of the Common Fisheries Policy, committed by Ireland. The Commission

Source: European Commission

HOW THE ILLEGAL BLUEFIN TUNA MARKET MADE OVER EUR 12 MILLION A YEAR SELLING FISH IN SPAIN

16 October 2018

Press Release

Source: EUROPOL

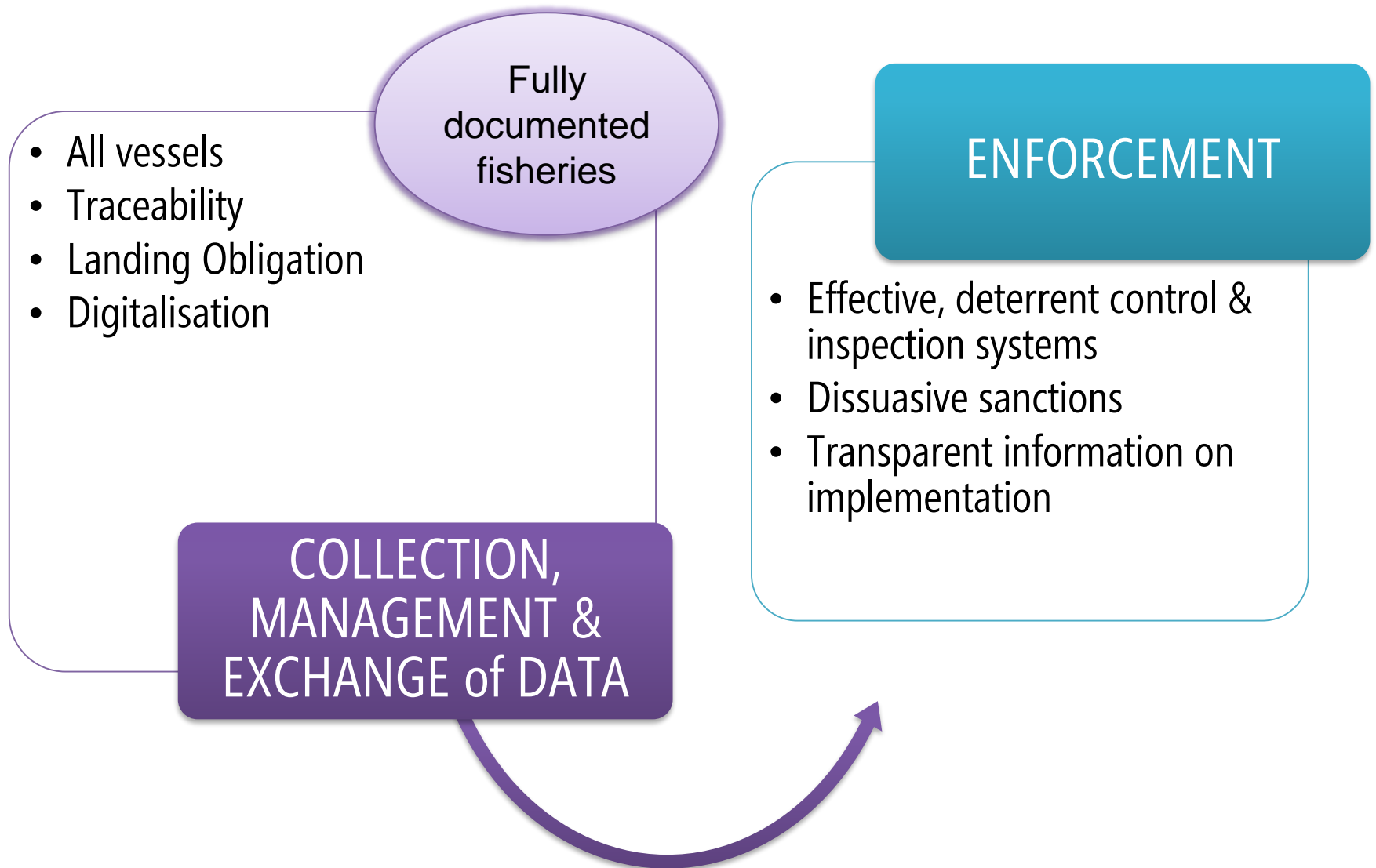
Many more cases showing EU fisheries control weaknesses on the IUU Watch Map

<http://www.iuuwatch.eu/eu-fisheries-control-system/>





TWO DIMENSIONS OF FISHERIES CONTROL



COLLECTION, MANAGEMENT & EXCHANGE OF DATA





REACHING FULLY DOCUMENTED FISHERIES

- Use of remote electronic monitoring (REM) on board of all vessels for monitoring needs (reporting of catches, fishing operations, bycatch, etc.)
- Improve reporting of catches and fisheries operations for small scale and recreational fisheries

RENEEITS

Improve monitoring

Improve data sharing & cross check of information

Data collection to support stock assessments and fisheries management

Meet regulatory and market demands for transparency and accountability

Cost-effective



IMPROVE TRACEABILITY FOR IMPORTS

- Improve data requirements in the electronic catch certificate (expand scope of IMO number, catching method, better definition of catch areas)

BENEFITS

Reassurance of the legal origin of fish products

Increase level playing field between EU and foreign operators

The image shows two overlapping forms from the European Community. The top form is the 'EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CATCH CERTIFICATE' and the bottom form is the 'EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE'.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CATCH CERTIFICATE

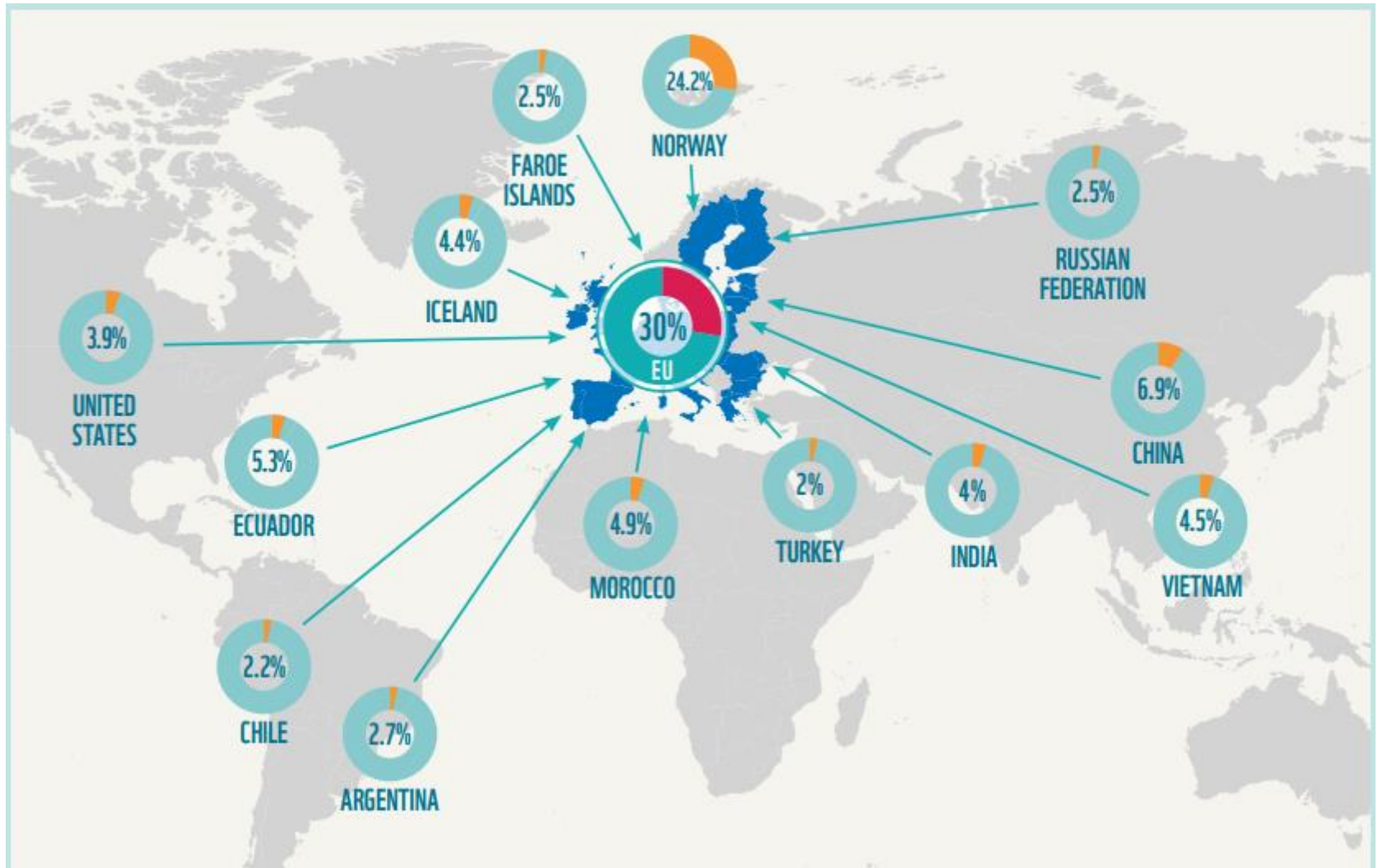
Document number		Validating authority		Tel.	
1. Name	Address		Fax		
2. Fishing vessel name	Flag - Home port and registration number		Call sign	IMO/Lloyd's number (if issued)	
Fishing licence No - Valid to		Inmarsat No, Fax No, Telephone No, E-mail address (if issued)			

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Certificate number		Date	Member State
1. Description of re-exported product		Weight (kg)	
Species	Product code		Balance from total quantity declared in the catch certificate
2. Name of re-exporter		Address	Signature
			Date

IMPROVE TRACEABILITY FOR IMPORTS

70% of seafood consumed in the EU is imported



ENFORCEMENT



“The other side of the control coin is the enforcement of the rules – a precondition to **achieve sustainable fisheries**. This will not only help achieve sustainable fisheries but also **honour the vast majority of honest fishermen and - women who respect the rules**

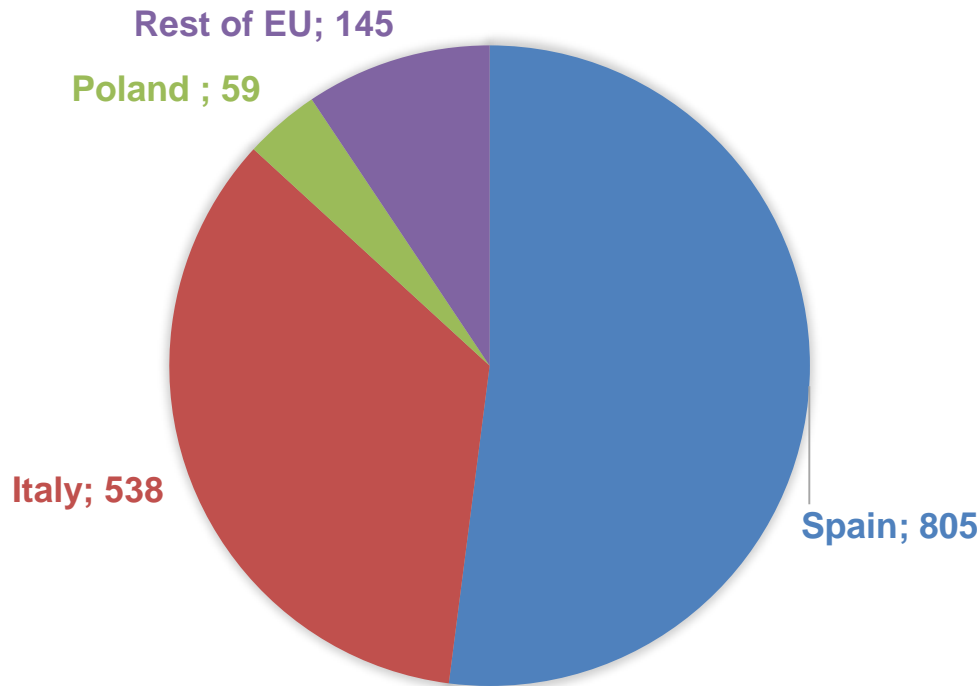
Commissioner-designate Sinkevičius,
3 October, Public hearing



TRANSPARENCY IN IMPLEMENTATION

- Introduce transparency requirements by making information on the implementation of the Control Regulation, such as audits reports, infringements and sanctions, publicly available.

WEAK ENFORCEMENT
Total number of serious infringements detected in 2014 : **1547**



**ONLY 449
PENALTY
POINTS
AWARDED!**



ADDITION TO THE LIST OF INFRINGEMENTS

Expand the list of serious infringements :

- Turning off Automatic Identification System (AIS) transmitters
- Not fulfilling obligations to mitigate against the accidental catches of sensitive species
- Benefitting from, supporting or engaging in IUU fishing (including as operators, effective beneficiaries, owners, logistics and service providers, including insurance providers and other financial service providers)



TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Fully documented fisheries with the help of REM
- All seafood traceable with transparent supply chains
- Access to information on the implementation (effective control + dissuassive sanctions)
- A level playing field within the EU and the rest of the world



POSITION PAPER FROM MANY NGOS

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 Our Fish

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**Joint NGO priorities on the revision of
the EU Fisheries Control System**

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THANK YOU

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