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**How the EU has contributed in the fight
against IUU fishing in the Indian Ocean**

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Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct,

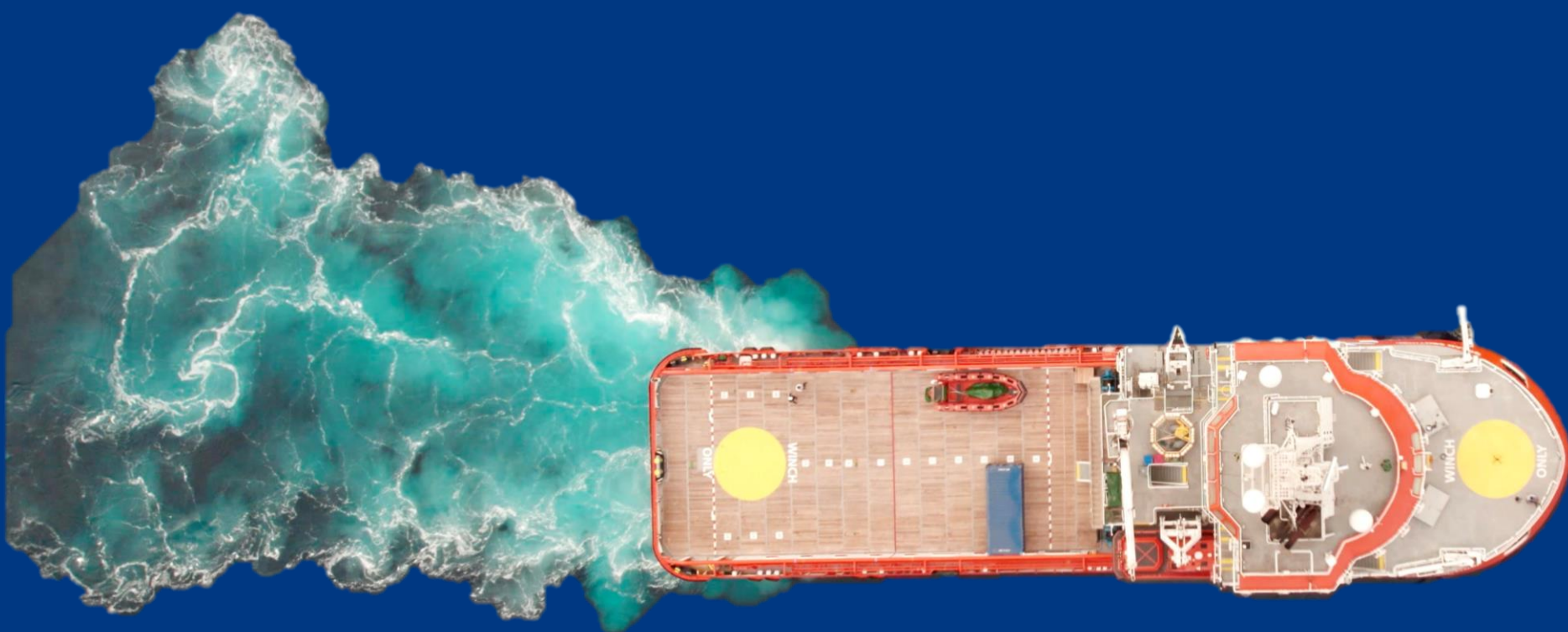
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EFCA at a glance..

EFCA main points...



**Established by Regulation (EC)
768/2005**



Based in Vigo, Spain since 2008



**2016: Mandate extended (European
Coast Guard cooperation)**



Executive Director: Dr Susan Steele

International Dimension

Ensure EU contribution to RFMOs inspection schemes

Assistance to the EU in RFMOs and non-EU countries

On request of EC, capacity building to non-EU countries

Support to EC on IUU Regulation



EFCA contribution to SWIOP..



Sustainable Western Indian Ocean Programme – SWIOP

- Action funded by EU (Commission Implementing Decision of 4.6.2024) on the financing of a multiannual action plan for Sub-Saharan Africa 2024-25
- EFCA's contributing to Specific Objective (SO1): Strengthening regional and national capacities to coordinate and collaborate on shared ocean governance - Output: IUU fishing reduced
- Regional partners: IOC, IOTC / SIOFA & EFCA
- Four-year project: 2025-2029
- Support to nine countries in the Western Indian Ocean: Comoros, Djibouti, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania



**Support to
joint patrols**



**Support to the
maritime picture
awareness**



**Information
sharing**



**Support to
regional and
national MCS
development**



**Capacity
building &
training**

Main areas of intervention

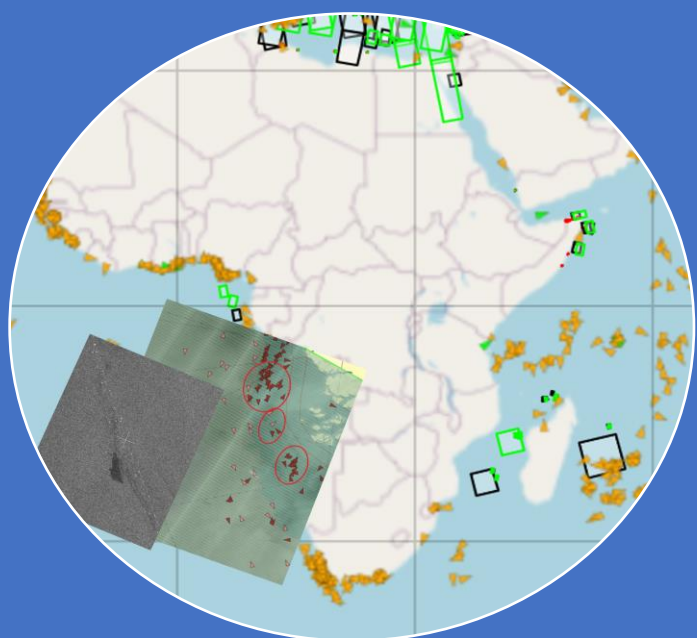
Main areas of intervention (1)



Support to joint patrols

- **Planning, implementation & evaluation of joint patrols**
 - ✓ Risk assessment at the start of the exercise
 - ✓ Delivery of “hands-on” training ahead of exchange of inspectors and patrols
 - ✓ Presence at regional and national FMC during patrols
 - ✓ Exchanges of national inspectors
 - ✓ Sea-going inspections and follow-up
 - ✓ Synergies with other actors/activities in the region

Main areas of intervention (2 - 3)



**Support to the
maritime picture
awareness**

- **Satellite imagery acquisition and analysis**
- **Facilitate exchange of fisheries data and intelligence**
 - ✓ Promoting/developing standardized protocols for data exchange/information management and taking advantage of existing regional tools
- **Support and EFCA presence in FMCs**



**Information
sharing**

Main areas of intervention (4)



Support to regional and national MCS development:

- ✓ Support to implementation of national strategies to reinforce MCS capacity and in fighting IUU fishing
- ✓ Assist in aligning legislation and action plans with international and RFMO obligations

Main areas of intervention (5)



Training & Capacity Building

- **Specific training implemented to:**
 - ✓ 'Training for trainers' on fisheries MCS
 - ✓ Fisheries Monitoring Centres (FMC) operators
 - ✓ Fisheries inspectors and judicial personnel
 - ✓ Officials in charge of validation of EU catch certificates
- **Training on risk assessment and operational planning**
- **Specific training requests :**
 - ✓ Areas identified by joint risk assessment, EU (DG MARE) and / or regional partners & countries..

