

MONTE ARUCAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES ACCEPTANCE TEST



Monte Arucas oil response equipment put into action

The *Monte Arucas* tanker has joined EMSA's network of standby-oil spill response vessels after passing the acceptance test held in Ferrol, Spain on 3-4 July. The vessel owned by Sertosa Norte and operated by Naviera Urbasa brings an additional 2,940m³ of storage capacity to the network as well as state-of-the-art oil recovery equipment, including a high capacity skimmer, ocean oil boom, rigid sweeping arms and oil slick detection system. The *Monte Arucas*, stationed in Ferrol, will provide pollution response to the Bay of Biscay, where maritime traffic is heavy, particularly on the route that runs from the English Channel to the strait of Gibraltar.

COOPERATION TO ENHANCE BLUEFIN TUNA CAMPAIGN

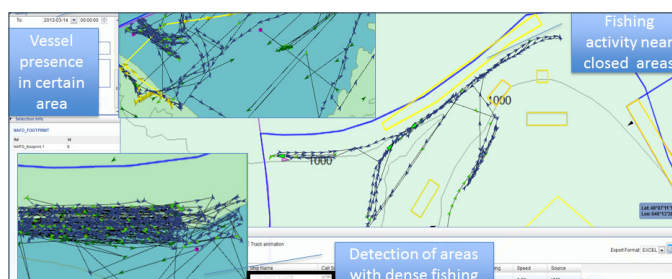


Fig 1 Keeping a closer eye on fishing activities in the Mediterranean

EMSA and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) continue to join efforts to improve maritime awareness for fishery control campaigns. The bluefin tuna campaign in the Mediterranean Sea (15 May-31 July) benefited from enhanced behaviour monitoring capabilities through EMSA's Integrated Maritime Data Environment service (IMDatE). This gives EFCA the ability to closely monitor fishing activities in dedicated areas (see fig 1). Additionally, optical images were used to successfully complement the monitoring data (see fig 2). On 15 July, a new campaign started in the North Sea where the challenge is to detect fishery activities in a high density

shipping area. The monitoring service provides a real-time maritime picture enabling EFCA and fishery inspectors to interpret maritime activities, in particular illegal fishery activities. Several national authorities are supporting this interagency cooperation by granting access to all available vessel information sources (VMS, LRIT, etc).

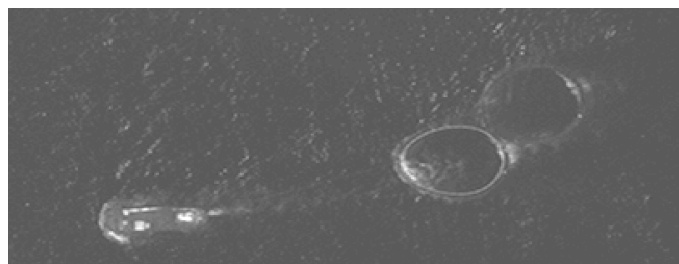


Fig 2. Optical image shows tuna cage being towed

WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY PAYS A VISIT TO EMSA



WMU trainers and students with EMSA hosts

Six students of the Malmö-based World Maritime University visited EMSA on 1-2 July together with one of their professors. This was part of their field training for a maritime education and training master's course which also included visits to some Portuguese institutions.

During their time at the agency, staff gave presentations on EMSA's general tasks with particular emphasis on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) inspections. They also had the opportunity to see the Maritime Support Services control centre in action. The president of the university, Professor Björn Kjerfve, joined the students on the second day and met EMSA's Executive Director, Markku Mylly.

ON THE WEBSITE

Procurement: Provision of maintenance services for the European Maritime Safety Agency and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (deadline: 26 August); Provision of security and related services for the European Maritime Safety Agency and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (deadline: 26 August); Provision of a study assessing the acceptable and practicable risk level of passenger ships related to damage stability (deadline: 22 August)

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