

## **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP) OF SENEGAL**

Senegal hereby establishes the following emergency action plan for Senegalese vessels that carry onboard observers deployed within the framework of an ICCAT ROP, which must be followed by Senegalese vessels and the competent authorities:

1. In the case where an ROP observer dies, is missing or is presumed to have fallen overboard, Senegalese vessels must:
  - a) Immediately cease all fishing operations;
  - b) Immediately notify the Operations Coordination Centre (CCO) of the National Marine and the Radio Radar and Satellite Centre of the Directorate of Fisheries Protection and Surveillance (DPSP);
  - c) Immediately start search and rescue operations if the observer is missing or is presumed to have fallen overboard. This search must last at least 72 hours, unless the observer is found earlier or unless the Senegalese authorities order the search to continue;
  - d) Immediately alert the other vessels in the vicinity by using all available means of communication;
  - e) Cooperate fully in any search and rescue operation;
  - f) Regardless of whether the search is successful or not, return promptly to the nearest port to carry out a more in-depth investigation;
  - g) Promptly provide a report on the incident to the Senegalese authorities; and
  - h) Cooperate fully with all official investigations and preserve any potential proof and the personal belongings of the observer who has died or is missing.
2. In addition, in the case where an ROP observer dies during deployment, Senegalese vessels must ensure that the body is preserved for the purposes of an autopsy or an investigation, except in limited cases where the relevant Senegalese legislation authorizes burial at sea (for example in the case of an infectious disease).
3. In the case where an ROP observer suffers from a disease or serious illness that threatens their health or safety, Senegalese vessels must:
  - a) Immediately halt fishing operations;
  - b) Immediately inform the Senegalese authorities, the observers service provider and the Directorate of Fisheries Protection and Surveillance (DPSP) to advise if a medical evacuation is warranted;
  - c) Take all reasonable actions to care for the observer and to provide any medical treatment available and possible onboard the vessel;
  - d) Where necessary and appropriate, including as directed by the observer provider, if not already directed by the Senegalese authorities, facilitate debarkation and transport of the observer to a medically equipped facility.

In the case of force majeure, the Senegalese authorities could authorize Senegalese vessels to cease their search and rescue operations before 72 hours have lapsed and to inform the Senegalese authorities and the observers service provider of the situation, including the state and place where the observer is, as soon as possible.

4. For the purposes of paragraphs 1 to 3, the Senegalese authorities will ensure that the Directorate of Fisheries Protection and Surveillance (DPSP), the observers service provider and the Secretariat are immediately informed of the incident, that actions are taken or underway to address the situation and that any assistance necessary is provided.
5. In the event where the Senegalese authorities have reasonable grounds to believe that an ROP observer has been assaulted, intimidated, threatened or harassed such that their health or safety is endangered and the observer or the observers service provider indicates to the Senegalese authorities their wish for the observer to be removed from the fishing vessel, the Senegalese vessels must:

- a) Immediately take action to preserve the safety of the observer and mitigate and resolve the situation onboard;
  - b) Facilitate safe debarkation of the observer in a manner and in a place that is agreed by the Senegalese authorities and the observers service provider, and that facilitate access to any necessary medical treatment; etc.
  - c) Cooperate fully with any official investigations related to the incident.
6. In the case where the Senegalese authorities have reasonable grounds to believe that an ROP observer has been assaulted, intimidated, threatened or harassed, but that neither the observer nor the observers service provider wishes for the observer to be removed from the fishing vessel, the Senegalese vessels must:
- a) Take action to preserve the safety of the observer and to mitigate and resolve the situation onboard as soon as possible;
  - b) Inform the Senegalese authorities and the observers service provider, as soon as possible; etc.
  - c) Cooperate fully with any official investigations into the incident.
7. If any of the events referred to in paragraphs 1 to 5 occurs, Senegal, as the port State, must facilitate entry of the fishing vessel to allow disembarkation of the ROP observer and, to the extent possible, assist in any investigation if so requested by the flag CPC or non-CPC.
8. If notified that an observer has been assaulted or harassed, the Senegalese authorities shall:
- a) Investigate the event based on the information provided by the observers service provider and take any appropriate action in response to the results of the investigation;
  - b) Cooperate fully with any investigation carried out by the observers service provider, including providing the incident report to the competent authorities; and
  - c) Promptly notify the observers service provider and the Secretariat of the results of their investigation and any actions taken.
9. Any other vessel flying the Senegalese flag is encouraged to participate, to the extent possible, in any search and rescue operation involving an ROP observer, in accordance with the relevant Senegalese legislation.
10. On request, the Senegalese authorities will cooperate with the service provider of the observers involved in their respective investigations, including by providing their incident reports for all incidents provided for in paragraphs 1 to 6 in order to facilitate any investigation, if necessary.
11. Nothing contained in this plan affects the rights and discretionary power of the Senegalese vessel, which are exercised in accordance with Senegalese national law.

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