

## Inspection reports received in 2022 under the Joint Scheme of International Inspection with possible infractions and responses received

CPC inspecting	Report n°	Vessel name	Day of inspection	Violation reported by inspector	Main finding	CPC inspected	CPC Response
EU.Italy	146	Neptune V	6/20/2022	Yes	<p>The transfer operation from DZA PS NEPTUNE V and ITA TW ANASTASIA RUTA, towing cage n. EU.MLT-041-FF, on 20/06/2022 was carried out inside Italian territorial waters. In the meanwhile, the cage n. EU.MLT-041-FF is blocked until further notice. It is a possible violation of para 1d) of Rec. 03-12</p> <p>The explanation by Algeria was accepted by EU in this particular case but does not set a precedent for any future cases.</p>	Algeria	<p>The Algerian authorities immediately proceeded to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Temporary freeze of the caging operation, granted to the Maltese authorities today 27 June 2022, at 10:33 a.m. (Algiers time) before receiving your email on 27 June 2022 at 15:20 p.m.</li> <li>2. an investigation has been opened to collect information on the relevant fishing and transfer operation.</li> </ol> <p>According to the reports from the captain of the tuna purse seiner NEPTUNE V and the Algerian fishing inspector on board, the following was concluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fishing was carried out at 12:39 p.m., outside the territorial waters of Italy at 2 nautical miles;</li> <li>- the transfer began at 19:20 p.m. in the presence of ICCAT inspectors who boarded the tuna vessel at 18:20 p.m., the sea currents carried the vessel Neptune V and the fishing net;</li> <li>- At 19:40 p.m. the ICCAT inspectors left the vessel NEPTUNE V at the beginning of the transfer operation and an inspection report showing no breach of the regulations in force;</li> <li>- The vessels assisting the JFO towed the net, the transport cage and the vessel NEPTUNE V outwards during the transfer operation, to be certain of the authorized area.</li> </ul> <p>Considering the above-mentioned information, we consider that the fishing operation conducted by</p>

							<p>the vessel NEPTUNE V, complies with the regulations in force as it was carried out outside Italian territorial waters and that the transfer was disrupted by force majeure (sea currents) and we state that corrective actions have been taken by the vessel to finalize the transfer far away from the limit of Italian territorial waters.</p> <p>Algeria (29/6/22): Following the email sent yesterday 27 June 2022 (above), we inform you that we agree the caging of the BFT cage No. EU.MLT-041-FF concerning the transfer made by the tuna seiner Neptune V, and which will take place tomorrow 29 June 2022, from 12:00 p.m., Algiers time.</p> <p>It should be noted that on 27 June 2022 we froze the caging in question.</p>
EU.Malta	10235	Rozafa 12	6/13/2022	Subject to further investigation	See Report n° 10236 for more details	Albania	After analysing the related video footage, the MT authorities concluded that the difference between the master's estimation and the inspector's verification is less than 10%, so no further action is required in this regard.
EU.Malta	10236	Rozafa 15	6/13/2022	Yes	Infringement related to the quality of the video of the release operation	Albania	
EU.Malta	10237	Rozafa 15	6/14/2022	Subject to further investigation	Inspectors will continue with video analysis onboard the inspector's vessel. Observation: Possible genuine misunderstanding in ITD no on document as on BCD is one number (as in ITD), though on Transfer authorisation is another	Albania	
EU.Malta	10242	Mohamaed Faehd	6/22/2022	Yes	The video of the transfer was split in two videos.	Tunisia	

					The net/cage number was not recorded at the end of the video. The standards for video recording not in accordance with Rec. 19-04, annex 8		
EU.France	1.Sighting	Gundo Ganlar-2	6/10/2022	Yes	No VMS positions were received in the EU systems at the time of the sightings	Türkiye	See Sight_TUR-response attachment (See <b>Addendum 1</b> )
EU.France	3.Sighting	Dursunogullari	6/12/2022	Yes	No VMS positions were received in the EU systems at the time of the sightings	Türkiye	See Sight_TUR-response attachment (See <b>Addendum 1</b> )
EU.France	5.Sighting	Gundoganlar 2	6/12/2022	Yes	No VMS positions were received in the EU systems at the time of the sightings	Türkiye	See Sight_TUR-response attachment (See <b>Addendum 1</b> )
EU.Malta	7882	Nuovo Giacomo 1 <sup>o</sup>	7/25/2022	Yes	The infringement was detected after the analysis of the video of the transfer for a difference of more than 10% between the number of BFT pieces reported in the ITD and the number counted by the inspectors	EU-Italy	
Eu.Italia	6872	lundy Sentinel	8/21/2022	Yes	Due to not favorable weather conditions and considering the absence of boarding ladder, the inspector could not carry out inspection. Species checked by radio and Catch Data System	EU-Italy	

Eu.Greece	8774	Guler Karderler 3	6/28/2022	Yes	ICCAT observer on the ship has no card ID because of COVID-19. The N <sup>o</sup> of fish according to the master's statement was 818 and weight 199364 kg, but on the date and time of inspection in the cage 28 the number of fish amounted in 818 and weight 199544 kg. Some videos footages are not in accordance with ICCAT Rec. 21-08, Annex 8 1.b, 1.d	Türkiye	
EU.Italia	10066	Emilia	9/8/2022	Yes	Transshipment at sea of 21 species of BFT with fishing vessel "Maria" in violation of ICCAT Rec. 21-08, par. 82 and art. 32 of Reg. EU 1627/2016	EU-Italy	

**Responses to reported PNCs by Sighting Reports on other Turkish bluefin tuna vessels*****Status of VMS Transmissions from TUR BFT Vessels in 2022***

All BFT fishing vessels authorized by the Ministry in 2022 have had the legal obligation to be equipped with two functional VMS transponder devices to ensure an uninterrupted VMS signal transmission during the period of authorization.

Throughout the 2022's Bluefin tuna fishing campaign and their specified period of authorizations, all authorized BFT fishing vessels have regularly transmitted VMS messages to Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) software of the Ministry. However, due to a certification problem between Ministry's VMS Server and ICCAT VMS Server, the VMS messages that were automatically transmitted to the Ministry from the F.Vs. could not be transmitted automatically to ICCAT's SW for a certain period of time. As soon as it is recognized, the Secretariat was contacted on the issue at an early date to initiate the required technical works. Due to the certification issue, VMS data sent by other CPC's fishing vessels could not reach to the Ministry's VMS software.

ICCAT Secretariat was notified about the issue on 11/05/2022 and technical support was asked by providing online remote access in order to resolve the issue in short notice. Technical works aimed at understanding and resolving the automatic transmission problem continued in the form of mutual e-mail exchanges with the participation of expert software personnel in the process. As a result of ongoing tests and works, it has been possible to automatically transmit VMS messages to ICCAT servers again on the date 16/06/2022. As of the same date, the Ministry's VMS software have started to receive automatic VMS messages from other CPC vessels through the ICCAT Servers. All the VMS data that properly reached to the VMS software run by the Ministry but could not have been transmitted automatically by the system during the period of technical issue described above, have been provided to the ICCAT Secretariat via e-mails that contain the daily VMS messages in NAF format.

***Sighting report of TUR BFT OTH vessel GUNDOGANLAR-2 (AT000TUR00232) on 10.06.2022*****Responses on alleged PNC:**

GUNDOGANLAR-2 (AT000TUR00232) is a BFT Towing Vessel authorized by the Ministry for the period 15/05/2022 – 22/08/2022 and registered in ICCAT Record of Vessels. The vessel in question had received the live BFT in its towing cage as result of two transfer operations completed on 06/06/2022 that pertains to the transfer of BFT caught by GEÇICILER BALIKÇILIK (AT000TUR00496) and GEÇICILER BALIKÇILIK 2 (AT000TUR07907). On 10/06/2022 when the aerial (sighting) took place, the vessel had been transporting the BFT in the towing cage towards the farming facility KILIC ORKINOS BESICILIGI PROJECT (AT001TUR00010). Caging operation pertaining to the transported live BFT was completed on 11/07/2022 and no infringement have been reported as a result of transfer and caging operations in question.

GUNDOGANLAR-2 was equipped with two transponder devices to ensure a continued signalization guarantee in 2022. The F.V. has transmitted regular VMS messages to the Ministry's fisheries monitoring centre with one-hour intervals, including the dates 09-12/06/2022. VMS data in NAF format have been transmitted to the Secretariat by the Ministry via e-mail.

***Sighting report of TUR BFT OTH vessel DURSUNOGULLARI (AT000TUR00462) on 10.06.2022*****Responses on alleged PNC:**

DURSUNOGULLARI (AT000TUR00462) is a BFT Towing Vessel authorized by the Ministry for the period 15/05/2022 – 22/08/2022 and registered in ICCAT Record of Vessels. The vessel in question had received the live BFT in its towing cage as result of the transfer operation completed on 06/06/2022 that pertains to transfer of BFT caught by AZROU 1 (AT000MAR00081). On the date 10/06/2022 when the aerial (sighting) took place, the vessel had been transporting the BFT in the towing cage towards the farming facility AK-TUNA ORKINOS BESICILIGI PROJESI (AT001TUR00013). Caging operation pertaining to the transported live BFT was completed on 09/07/2022 and no infringement have been reported as a result of the transfer and caging operations in question.

DURSUNOGULLARI was equipped with two transponder devices to ensure a continued signalization guarantee in 2022. The F.V. has transmitted regular VMS messages to the Ministry's fisheries monitoring centre with one-hour intervals, including the dates 09-12/06/2022. VMS data in NAF format have been transmitted to the Secretariat by the Ministry via e-mail.

***Sighting report of TUR BFT OTH vessel GUNDOGANLAR-2 (AT000TUR00232) on 12.06.2022*****Responses on alleged PNC:**

GUNDOGANLAR-2 (AT000TUR00232) is a BFT Towing Vessel authorized by the Ministry for the period 15/05/2022 – 22/08/2022 and registered in ICCAT Record of Vessels. The vessel in question had received the live BFT in its towing cage as result of transfer operations completed on 05/06/2022 that pertains to the transfer of BFT caught by AKGUN BALIKCILIK-3 (AT000TUR00296). On the date 12/06/2022 when the aerial (sighting) took place, the vessel had been transporting the BFT in the towing cage towards the farming facility KILIC ORKINOS BESICILIGI PROJECT (AT001TUR00010). Caging operation pertaining to the transported live BFT was completed on 11/07/2022 and no infringement have been reported as a result of transfer and caging operations in question.

As reported above, GUNDOGANLAR-2 was equipped with two transponder devices to ensure a continued signalization guarantee in 2022. The F.V. has transmitted regular VMS messages to the Ministry's fisheries monitoring centre with one-hour intervals, including the dates 09-12/06/2022. VMS data in NAF format have been transmitted to the Secretariat by the Ministry via e-mail.