

Follow-up and control of Atlantic Ocean fisheries in Mauritania.

Date: 2006-2009

Location: Mauritania, Senegal, Guinea Bissau and Guinea Conakry

Funding source: Spanish Secretariat of Marine Fisheries

Companies Involved: Canaest, S.L.

Description of Work:

The objective of the project is to provide technical assistance to the Spanish Secretariat of Marine Fisheries for the following and control of the Spanish freezer-trawlers fleet targeting cephalopods, crustacean and fishes in East Atlantic Ocean under European Union Fisheries Agreements with Mauritania, Senegal, Guinea Bissau and Guinea Conakry

The main tasks involved in the project are the following:

- Control of the fulfilment of the dispositions from the EU Fisheries Agreement concluded with the western African states.
- Control and following of the demersal captures from the Spanish fleet operating whether under EU fisheries Agreements, private licences or in international waters.
- Support to the Spanish fleet operating in the East Atlantic Ocean in their relationships with the national authorities, technical infrastructures and speeding up ports procedures.
- Set up of a biological information network about demersal species in order to analyse size composition and proportion of species in Spanish captures according to the National Plan of Basic Data.
- Development of research projects in collaboration with Spanish Oceanographic Institute or country scientists and institutions and participation in existing international research programmes in the area.
- Control of port samples and specific samples according to needs
- Development of the informatics systems required for the data and report presentation to Spanish Secretariat of Marine Fisheries, the Spanish Oceanographic Institute and to other institutions.
- Evaluation of port infrastructures of the area and the fisheries resources of other fishing areas for the possible expansion of the Spanish fleet.
- Recompilation of all the information available about other fleet's activities operating in the area.
- Participation in the incorporation process of scientific observers in the commercial fleet.