

IFDM Recommendation 6 of 17-03-2016

on the code for the jointly managed area between Senegal and Guinea-Bissau

The Fisheries Control Experts Group – ERS (Electronic Recording and reporting System) and Data Management Working group,

Taking into account that:

- (1) The European Union has concluded Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) with Guinea-Bissau and Senegal. Each agreement includes the reference to a specific maritime area, which was created jointly by Senegal and Guinea-Bissau management and cooperation agreement signed on 14 October 1993 between these two countries.
- (2) EU vessels, while fishing under the framework of a SFPA with Senegal or Guinea-Bissau, are allowed to fish in this specific maritime area.
- (3) Several data reporting requirements (catch, effort and other data) oblige Member States to indicate that the fishing activities have been taken place in this specific area.
- (4) A code is needed to specify the maritime area jointly managed by Guinea-Bissau and Senegal.

Recommends:

1. to identify the maritime area jointly managed by Guinea-Bissau and Senegal with a dedicated code:
 - a. Code: **XSG;**
 - b. Description: **Joint area between Senegal and Guinea Bissau.**
2. to include XSG code in the following MDR lists:
 - a. CR Sovereign Waters;
 - b. Economic Zones Codes.
3. To start using use the new code:
 - a. from 01/01/2016 in aggregated catch data exchange;
 - b. pending business needs and technical readiness of GNB or SEN Fishing Monitoring centres – for fishing activities data exchange.