

FISHERY OBSERVER PROGRAM

Independent fishery observers to help you ascertain the catch and effort level of your fishing vessels



BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The objective of a fishery observation program is to collect unbiased data (technical, regulatory, scientific or economic data) from fishing vessels. Data that is obtained aboard fishing vessels cannot be gathered from surveys at landing points. Such programs have therefore become essential for the implementation of an effective management system that ensures the sustainable use of living marine resources.



OUR SOLUTION

Oceanic Développement, known for its specialization in the fishery industry, joined Bureau Veritas in 2011. With over 15 years of experience in observation programs and fishery controls, it provides expertise and technical assistance to a wide variety of stakeholders in the fishing industry: fishery administrations, the European Commission, regional fishery management organizations, fishermen associations, scientific institutes and more.

We have an experienced coordination unit and a devoted team of observers trained specifically for every type of fishery observation program.

OUR REFERENCES

For nearly 20 years, Oceanic Développement has become the French leader in fishery observation in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Our recent references available on website <http://www.oceanic-dev.com/en/our-experience/>



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KEY BENEFITS



Improve the availability and the quality of catch data for scientific stock evaluation



Better accountability of target catch, bycatch and accidental capture, in terms of species identification, quantity and catch location



Test of selectivity of fishing gears



Haliutic and environmental follow-up of particular fishing areas (offshore wind farm project, aggregate extraction)



Better compliance with regulatory requirements



Participate actively in the fight against IUU fishing and harmful fishing practices



Help to guarantee that fishing resources are used responsibly



Improve trust and transparency with a voluntary, unbiased and independent fishery observation program, while guaranteeing confidentiality

METHOD

1. Implementation of program organization according to customer specifications:

- Quantification of the program needs: observer coverage and sampling protocol;
- Feasibility study for "Electronic Eye" observer program: implementation of cameras on board, reading and analysis of images;
- Mobilization of the coordination unit;
- Implementation of monitoring and quality control tools;
- Definition of confidentiality rules and data publication procedures.

2. Specific training of fishery observers for target fishery (or fisheries):

- Sampling protocol, data input, species recognition and specific safety at sea training (STCW certified).

3. Program operations launch and regular monitoring by our coordination units:

- Planning assignments adjusted with the fishing vessel's strategy;
- Planning observer logistics at the port of boarding;
- Systematic debrief when returning from an assignment;
- Quality check and validation of all collected data aboard fishing vessels;
- Data transmission to client, following a predefined timeframe;
- On time monitoring of the status of program through a dedicated web portal;
- Data transmission under the appropriate format to meet client requirements.

4. Communication and regular updates on the progress of the program (transparency):

- Steering group meeting;
- Organization in working groups;
- Communication tool elaboration: executive summary, brief, brochure, website, etc.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?



SEAFOOD EXPERTISE

Bureau Veritas assists in every step of the seafood supply chain to ensure the highest standards are met along with Quality, Health & Safety, Environmental and Social Responsibility compliance. Major retailers have chosen Bureau Veritas for its seafood supply chain expertise and ship owners and food processing plants benefit from the complete selection of marine services.



NETWORK

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