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Introduction

- All vessels whose length is superior to 12 meters have to send, once an hour, a VMS position as required by the Control Regulation.
- This VMS position is used by the French FMC for targeting purposes and to check some situations, such as :
 - Presence in a closed fishing area,
 - Presence in the waters of a third country,
 - Presence in a restricted area
- For specific fisheries, the vessels ($L > 12\text{m}$) have a shorter time span between their VMS position (for example : one per quarter of an hour)
- For some species : vessels whose length is inferior to 12 meters have to get a VMS equipment with a shorter time period between transmission:
 - Common sole (*Solea solea*) in the East Channel (CIEM VII d)
 - Common sole (*solea solea*) in the Bay of Biscay (CIEM VIIIa and b)
 - Scallop (*Pecten maximus*)





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I. Common sole in the East Channel

Arrêté of January 22nd creating a national management system for the common sole fishery in CIEM VIIId :

- Each fishing vessel, in order to get the fishing authorization, has to get a VMS equipment
- Vessels without deck are not concerned by the arrêté
- Reglemented and legal gears are :
 - Gills : GNS, GTR, GN
 - Beam trawl : TBB
 - Bottom trawl (excepted TBB) : OTB, PTB, TB, OTT, OT, PT, TX

VMS equipement :

- Subvention of 2,500 euros for eligible vessels
- Only DPMA-approved equipments (Vlink – KANNAD, LEO and TRITON IRIDIUM – CLS)
- Well accepted by the fishermen





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II. Common sole in the Bay of Biscay

Arrêté of February 12th creating a national management system for the common sole fishery in CIEM VIIIa and b :

- Reglemented and legal gears are :
 - Gills : GTN, GN, GNC, GND, GNS, GEN
 - Bottom trawl : TBB, OTB, OTT, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB

VMS equipement :

- No subvention, as it is mandatory
- Only DPMA-approved equipments (Vlink – KANNAD, LEO and TRITON IRIDIUM – CLS)
- Well accepted by the fishermen





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III. Scallops (*Pecten maximus*)

Scallop :

- Emblematic species
- Each fishing vessel, in order to get the fishing authorization, has to get a VMS equipment
- Monitoring and control of those fisheries are very complete (areas, date and time, gears...)

VMS equipment :

- Only DPMA-approved equipments (Vlink – KANNAD, LEO and TRITON IRIDIUM – CLS)
- Well accepted by the fishermen



Conclusion

- For the small scale fisheries : specific species followed by VMS
- Projects planned for blue fin tuna (all vessels with a fishing authorization)
- Several private companies develop specific solutions for the VMS for small scale fisheries (smaller boxes, use of solar energy...)





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Thanks for your attention !
Do you have any questions ?

