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Monitoring the Flemish Cap Fishery

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Delegation of Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands and Greenland)

The question to be studied is whether there is any possible way to control the amount of cod taken in the Flemish Cap fishery and more specifically how to control the ban on directed fisheries for cod.

The conclusion of the Faroese authorities is that even with a strong inspection presence on the Cap the ban can be violated in several ways:

1. Cod taken on the Cap is allocated to other areas.
2. Cod is reported as by-catch.
3. Vessels are re-flagged.
4. Vessels from non-member parties fish for cod.

This brings us to question whether the ban on directed fishery has had any effect at all on the removals from the stock of cod on the Flemish Cap.