





# Keeping an eye on discards with Electronic Monitoring

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# What is meant by Fully Documented Fisheries?

Independent documentation of fishing activities either with observers or with electronic monitoring (EM) by means of cameras and sensors.

#### Area and gear

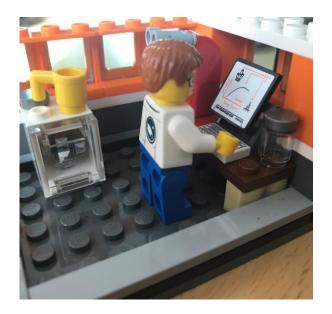




#### **Catches (including unwanted)**



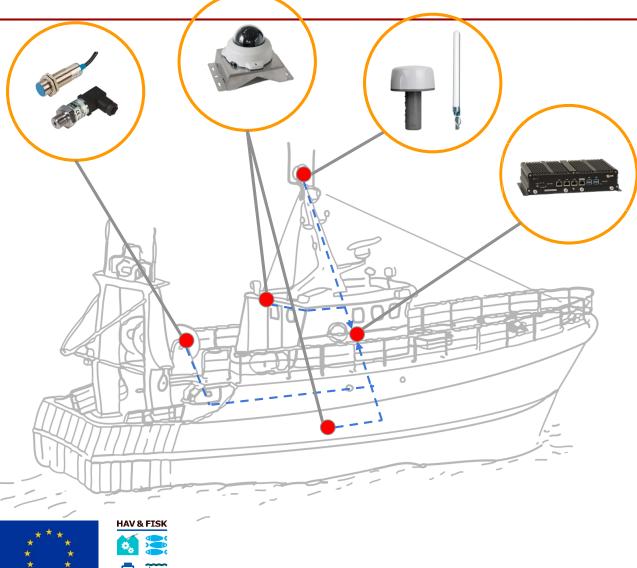
#### **Verification of informations**



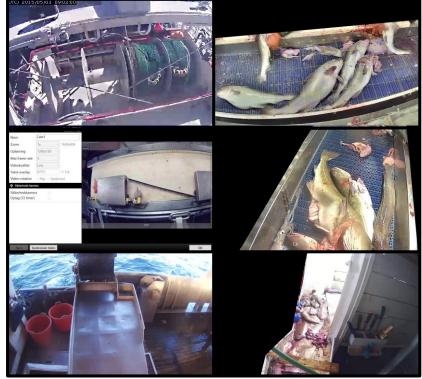


# System setup





Whatedr ynu gabeh?
Whateade thou distards?



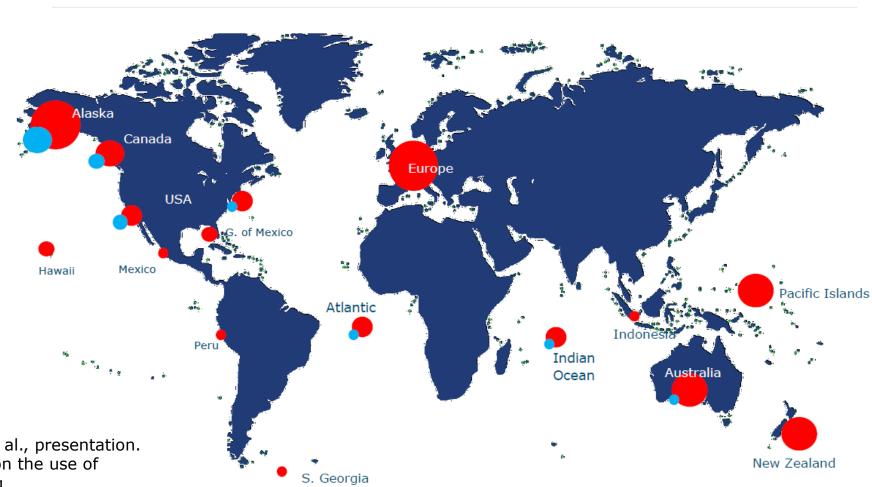
### **Brief overview**



EM projects worldwide (1999-2018)

= pilot studies
= full programmes

- First trials: Canada, 1999
- Worldwide:
  Vessels from 9 to >100
  meters in length and
  different gear types
- Trials in several EU member states







Ref. van Helmond et al., presentation. Global experiences on the use of Electronic Monitoring

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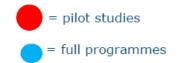


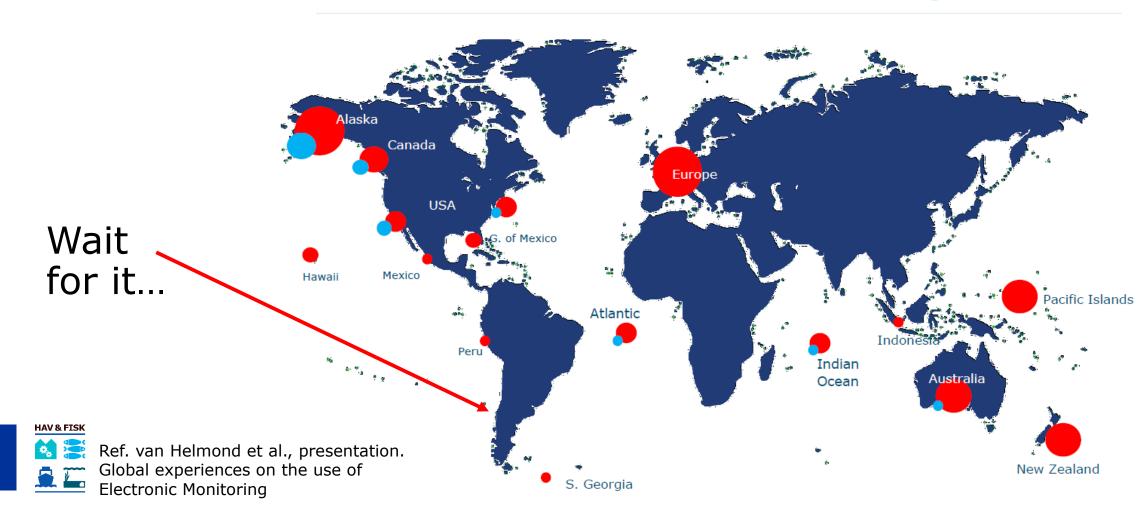


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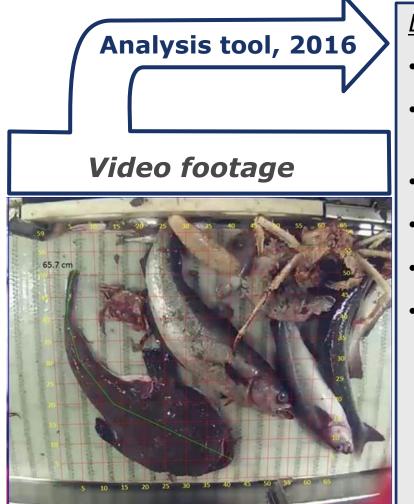


# Review process



- Reduced human review
  - Review a portion (e.g., 10%)
     of trips, hauls, catch
- Computer-assisted human review
  - Review fishing events only
  - ID species with human audit
- Computer review
  - ID species
  - Collect length/weight
  - Monitor compliance





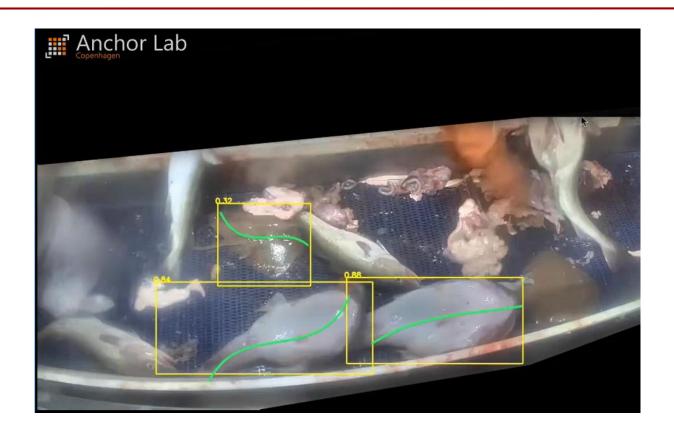
#### <u>Data</u>

- Discard time
- Length measurement
- Weight estimate
- Haul, start/stop
- ID link to eLog
- Picture of every discard



# Automated Image Analysis and Review





- Estimation of real-time catches
- Automatic filling of logbooks
- Automatic declaration of protected species

Automatic recognition of monkfish









# Cost estimate / example







- Danish pilot: 12 vessels
- 5 roundfish species audited
- Average of  $\sim$ 30% of the fishing operations audited.
- Average of 21-35 minutes to analyze an operation



Ref. Bergsson et al. (2017), DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.23628.00645

- ~400 vessels, 10% haul coverage
- Estimate 1,200 TB (1,200,000 GB) data collected annually
- EM system + installation: ~8200 € per vessel
- ≈ 8300 €/vessel "One time" cost estimate: 3.3 Mill. €
- Running cost estimate: 1.9 Mill. €/year ≈ 4800 €/year/vessel





Ref. Plet-Hansen et al. in review

#### In short



#### **Negative**

- ✓ Cost of full scale
- ✓ Surveillance level (Big brother is watching)
- ✓ Species recognition
  (for some species)
- √ System breakdowns
- ✓ Misuse of data

#### **Positive**

- ✓ Has been used in a variety of fleets and fisheries
- ✓ Possibility for level playing field
- ✓ Possibility to easy technical regulations
- ✓ Better data for stock assessment
- ✓ Verification of compliance with the landing obligation



