

*JRC has developed a Vessel Detection System (VDS) to support fisheries monitoring and control.*

*The VDS system detects vessels using satellite images and then cross-checks with other sources of information (VMS, AIS).*

*The aim is to support surveillance by indicating positions of “suspect” targets.*

*VDS is pre-operational and tested successfully in many campaigns in close cooperation with all MS fisheries control authorities.*

*New EU regulation foresees operational use of satellites where cost/benefit can be proven from 1 January 2009*

