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Research in Maritime Surveillance

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Maritime surveillance R&D at JRC

- Surveillance concepts
 - Satellites
 - Use of UAVs
- Ship detection in satellite images (SAR)
- Data fusion

Technical support of EU policies:

- Maritime safety
- Maritime security
- Mar. border security
- Fisheries control
- Integrated maritime policy



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Satellite SAR

Synthetic Aperture Radar

 Wide overview for bigger ships (>30 m)



JRC SAR – High resolution in narrow swaths

1.110



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RADARSAT © CSA/MDA 2009

Radarsat-2 UltraFine HH Jan 2009 5-12 m

Sailing boat

Fishing vessel

18 m

TerraSAR-X Spotlight 1.5 m resolution Caribbean, June 2008

Ships from satellite SAR + AIS

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Combination satellite image with AIS (AIS from TNO)





Maritime Data Fusion





Data fusion for fisheries control

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Example: A day in July 2008

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Two Radarsat Standard images Mediterranean Visualise results in Google Earth

- 57 VDS (satellite targets)
 - Strong signatures
 - Others
- Correlations with VMS & AIS data
- AIS data
 - 2 cargo vessels
 - all correlated
- VMS data
 - 9 Fishing vessels out of port
 - 8 correlated
 - 1 uncorrelated
- 20 additional VDS reported to surveillance means as "suspected targets" possible illegal fishing (to check)



31 May – 31 July 2007 250 ENVISAT + RADARSAT 1 May – 15 July 2008 110 RADARSAT





US /NATO's MSSIS

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Maritime Safety & Security Information System

Global data sharing network of government AIS systems





Satellite AIS – First results

COMDEV / exactEarth





Satellite AIS – First results

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LuxSpace / Orbcomm





ISRSE-33 - Stresa, 07.05.2009

INGV – *NASCUM* project on HF currents

ESA - ENVISAT/MERIS

PISCES 2 - Transas Technology



- Further data fusion
 - Algorithms
 - Data communication
 - Also use environmental data (GMES)
- Software for detecting anomalies & risks



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