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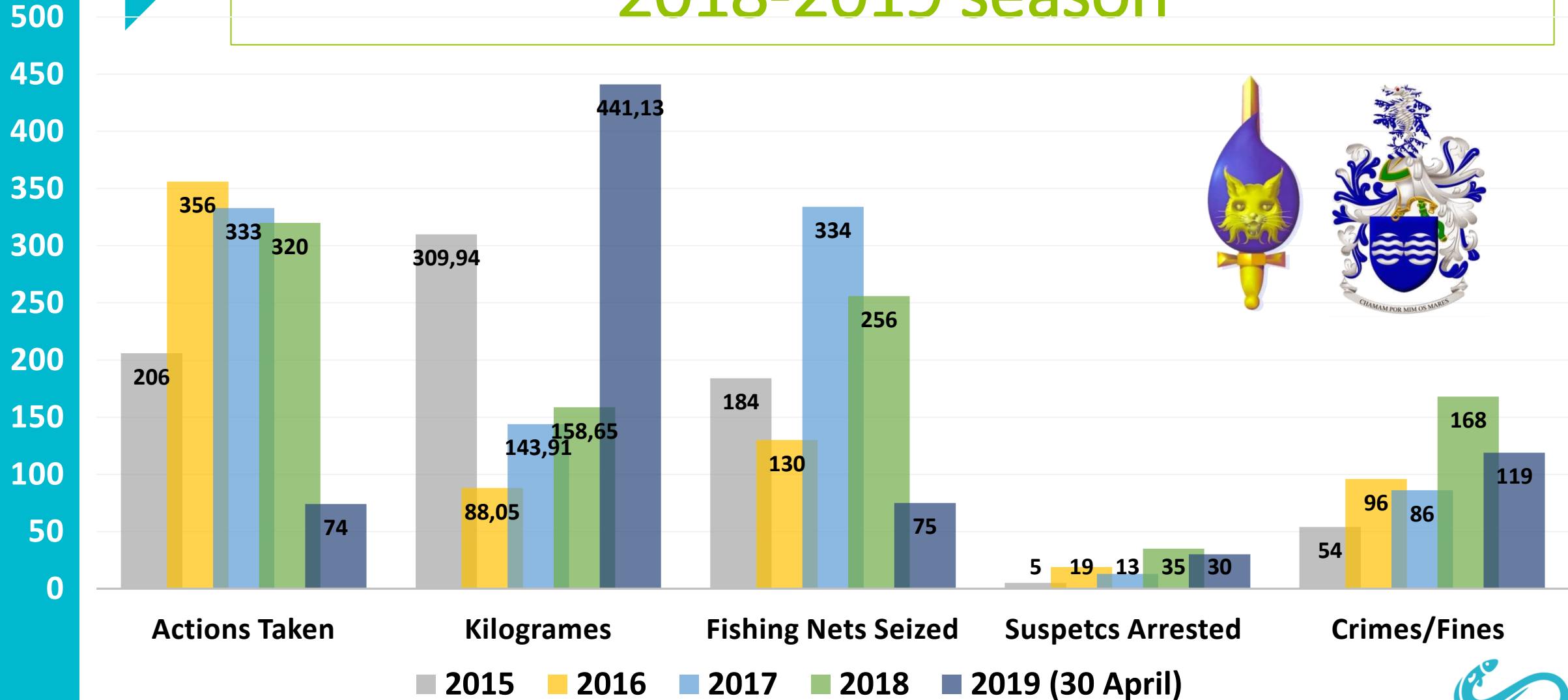


# Latest progress in investigation against illegal fisheries and trade of glass eel (2018-2019)

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# Actions against illegal fishery during the 2018-2019 season

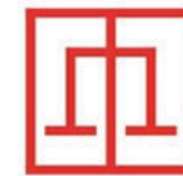


Source: GNR/SEPNA/Coastal Control Unit



# Actions against illegal fishery during the 2018-2019 season

- December 20, 2017 – 2 Suspects arrested
  - 30,665 Kg – 3 Fishing Nets – 1 vehicle



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# Actions against illegal trafficking during the 2018-2019 season “Fresh Water Operation”



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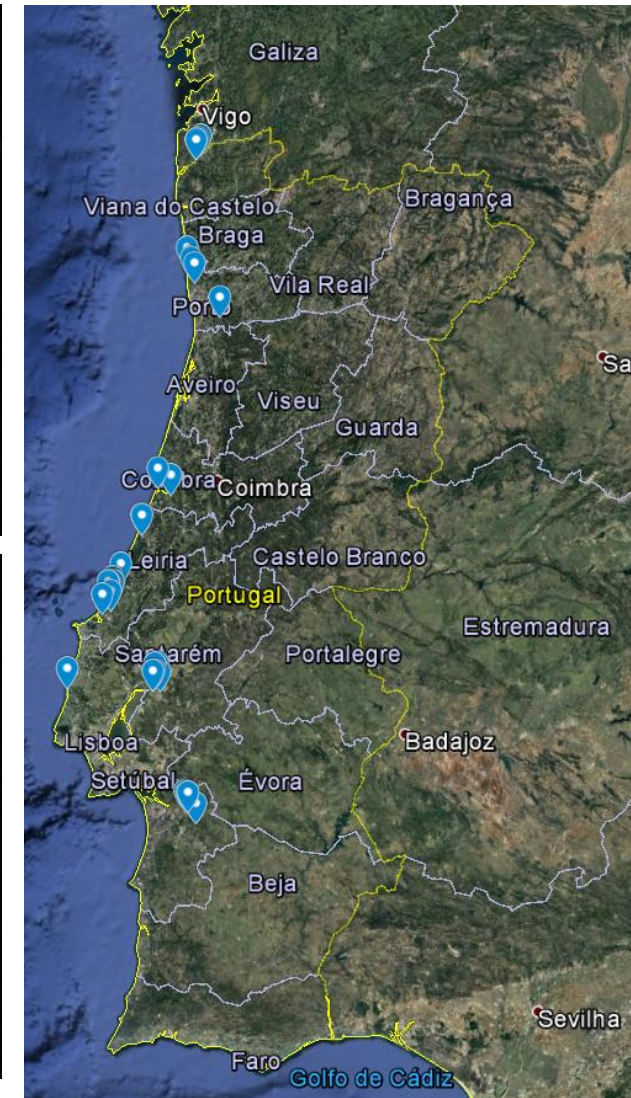
- 30 Suspects arrested (2 women)

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- 518,45 Kg (1.814.575 specimes)
  - 6 vehicles and 1 small boat
  - €161.029,77/\$2000

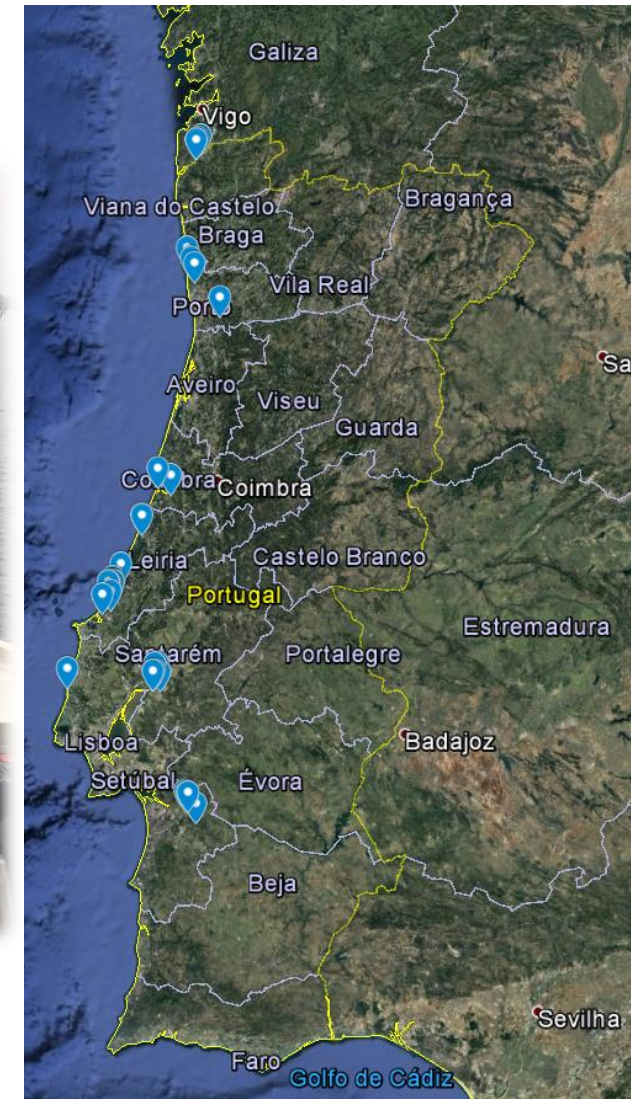


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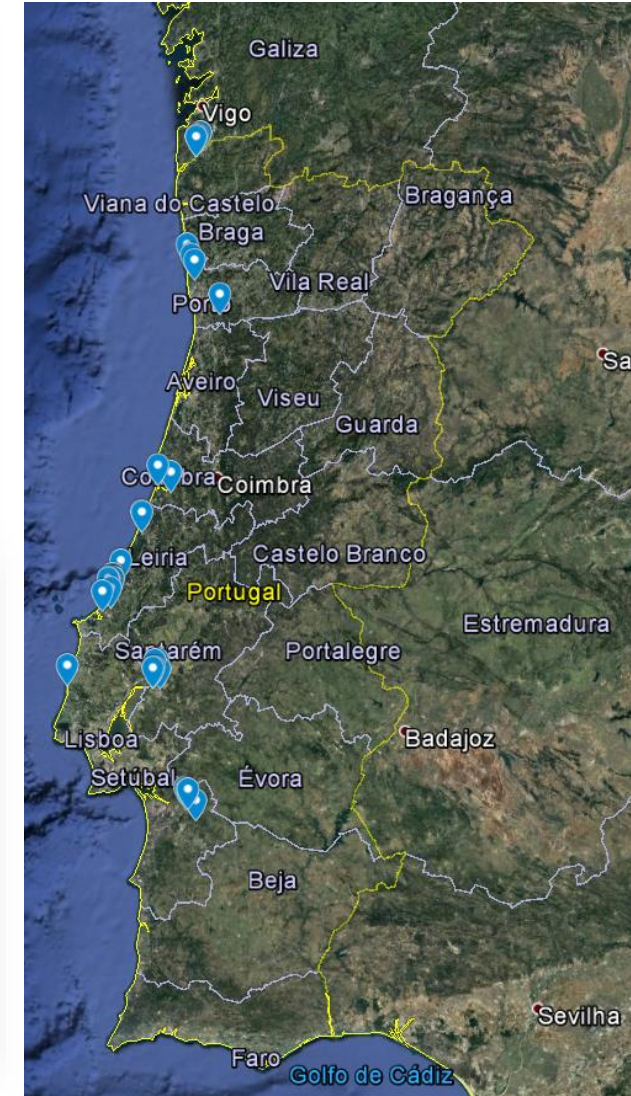


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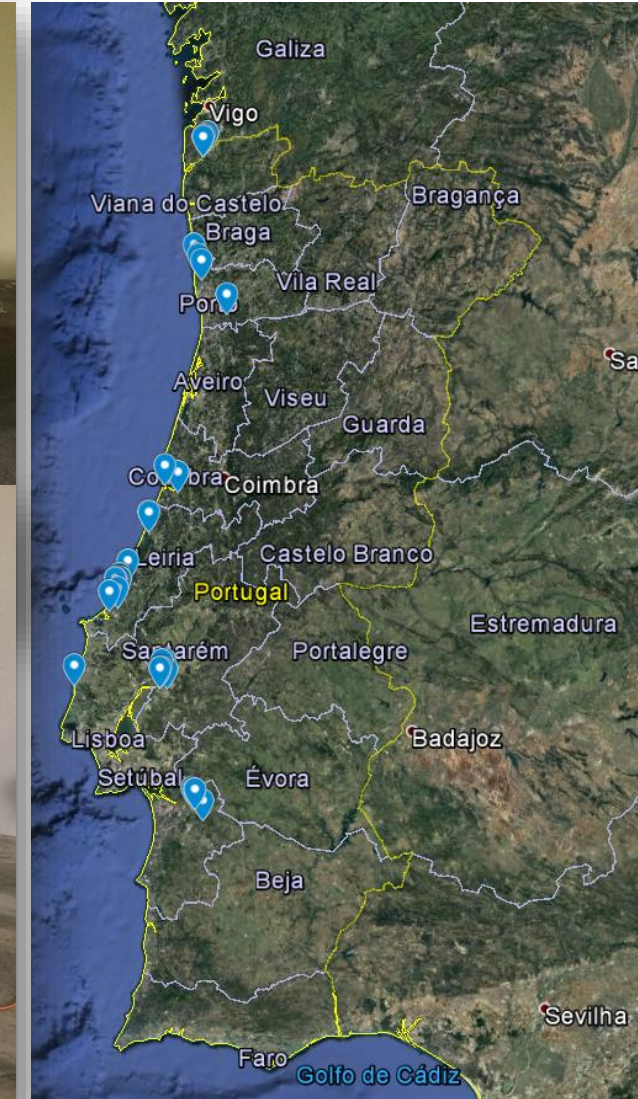


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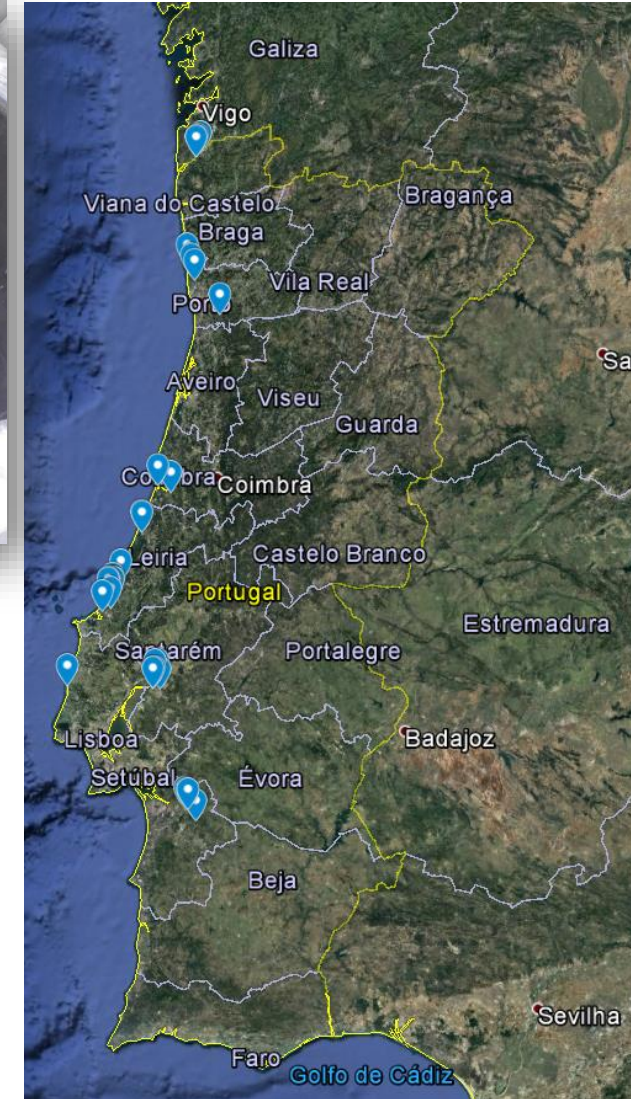


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# Actions against illegal trafficking during the 2018-2019 season “Fresh Water Operation”





# Main problems in eel fishery control



- Operations or Investigations?
  - Special Investigation Teams!
- Community/fishermen awareness?
  - Risk vs Profit!
- Increase penalties/Prosecutor awareness?
  - Ban the fishery in European Union waters!

**Secrecy is vital!**





# Main problems in eel trade control

- The Minho River “Problem”
  - 2016/2019= 13.222 Kg (4.407 Kg/Year “Real Data”)



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# Main problems in eel trade control

- Crime levels in the illegal trade chain
  - Intelligence and surveillance



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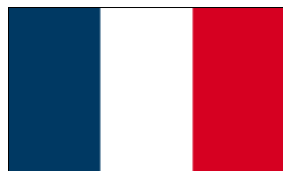




# Main problems in eel trade control

- Traceability?

- Coordinated Secrecy is vital!





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