

# EC/Cabo Verde Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

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The European Parliament adopted by 507 votes to 76, with 16 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde.

Parliament gave its **consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

As a reminder, the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde allows 56 European Union vessels to fish for tuna and other related species in Cabo Verdean waters.

The new agreement covers a period of five years and will offer EU vessels the possibility to fish 7 000 tonnes of tuna and tuna-like species in Cabo Verde's waters. In return, the EU will pay Cabo Verde a financial contribution of **EUR 780 000** per year (EUR 3 900 000 for the entire duration of the Protocol), from which EUR 350 000 is related to a reference tonnage of 7 000 tonnes, and EUR 430 000 to support for developing Cabo Verde's sectoral fisheries policy.

This Protocol puts special emphasis on promoting decent working conditions for fishing activity, scientific capacity building, observation and management of the marine environment and marine protected areas. It promotes sustainable fisheries management, fisheries control and the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU). It also contains new provisions to improve vessel monitoring, the management of fishing authorizations and enhanced management measures for shark stocks. The Protocol responds to Cabo Verde's desire to strengthen the industrialisation and competitiveness of its fishing sector.