

Conservation of fishery resources: sustainable exploitation in the Mediterranean Sea

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The committee adopted the report by Giorgio LISI (EPP-ED, I) rejecting the proposal under the consultation procedure. MEPs said that the management approach set out by the Commission failed to take account of the "specificity" of the Mediterranean and the need for flexible measures. Moreover, the Commission had also failed to include any suitable flanking measures to offset the disastrous socio-economic impact which its proposals would have. MEPs were also critical of the fact that no in-depth consultations had been conducted with those directly affected by the proposed reform of Mediterranean fisheries, namely, fishermen's and shipowners' associations. Lastly, they called into question the scientific basis for many of the proposal's provisions, including those on net size and the minimum size of fish.