# EC/Madagascar fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 21 May 1995 to 20 May 1998

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-OBJECTIVE: inclusion of a fisheries protocol between the Community and Madagascar defining the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution of the Community for the period 21 May 1995 to 20 May 1998. -COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 498/96 on the conclusion of the Protocol defining, for the period 21 May 1995 to 20 May 1998, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Madagascar on fishing off Madagascar. -SUBSTANCE: the protocol, initialled by the parties on 18 May 1995, authorizes Community vessels to fish in Malagasy waters subject to the possession of a licence which is issued on payment of annual fees (ECU 20 per tonne caught). Such licences are granted according to the category of vessel and in accordance with specific administrative formalities, to: .42 freezer tuna seiners, .16 surface longliners. At the request of the Community, authorization may be granted for other categories of fishing vessel under conditions to be laid down in the Joint Committee set up under the Agreement. Community shipowners must declare their catches and take observers and Malagasy seamen on board. In return for the fishing opportunities, the Community shall make a compensatory payment to Madagascar of ECU 1 350 000 for the duration of the Protocol payable in three equal annual instalments and covering an annual catch of 9 000 tonnes of tuna. The Community shall also contribute ECU 375 000 to finance a Malagasy scientific programme to improve knowledge of its fish species and make available to Malagasy nationals training awards whose total cost may not exceed ECU 450 000. -ENTRY INTO FORCE: the regulation will enter into force on 26 March 1996. The date of entry into force of the protocol will be published in the OJEC by the General Secretariat of the Council.