Basic information

1998/0144(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
EC/Comoros fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 28 February 1998 to 27 February 2001 **Subject** 3.15.15.03 Fisheries agreements with Indian Ocean countries **Geographical area** Comoros	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	MACARTNEY Allan (ARE)	15/04/1998

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	JÖNS Karin (PSE)	18/05/1998
DEVE Development and Cooperation		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2119	1998-10-01
Agriculture and Fisheries	2115	1998-07-20

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
06/05/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0264	Summary
15/06/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/06/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
25/06/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0249/1998	
17/07/1998	Debate in Parliament		
01/10/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

01/10/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
06/10/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/0144(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 043 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/10210

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0249/1998 OJ C 226 20.07.1998, p. 0004	25/06/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0460/1998 OJ C 292 21.09.1998, p. 0207-0229	17/07/1998	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0264 OJ C 245 05.08.1998, p. 0012	06/05/1998	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 1998/2127
OJ L 269 06.10.1998, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Comoros fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 28 February 1998 to 27 February 2001

1998/0144(CNS) - 01/10/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to conclude a new fisheries protocol between the Community and the Republic of Comoros for the period 28 February 1998 to 27 February 2001. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) 2127/98 relating to the conclusion of the protocol setting out, for the period 28 February 1998 to 27 February 2001, the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros on fishing off the Comoros. SUBSTANCE: The new protocol provides for licences for 44 freezer tuna seiners and 16 surface long-liners to fish in Comorian waters. The fishing opportunities are allocated among four Member States: Spain (35 vessels), Italy (1 vessel), France (21 vessels) and Portugal (3 vessels). If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State. As compensation for the fishing opportunities provided in the protocol, the Comoros Republic will be granted total financial compensation of ECU 180 000 per year for a weight of catches equivalent to 4 500 tonnes of tuna per year. Beyond this weight, the amount of compensation will be increased by ECU 50 for each additional tonne. In addition to this financial compensation, the Community will grant ECU 540 000 for the duration of the protocol towards financing scientific and technical programmes to develop fisheries and other initiatives in the fisheries sector such as study grants and practical training for Comorian fishermen, fisheries surveillance programmes, etc. The annex to the protocol contains details of the conditions under which Community vessels may fish, including the arrangements for obtaining licences, making catch declarations and calculating the amounts payable by shipowners and other provisions relating to taking Comorian observers on board, fisheries monitoring, notifying vessels' entry into and departure from authorised fishing zones, fishing zones and rare and protected species. ENTRY INTO FORCE: the regulation enters into force on 9.10.1998, the protocol will enter into force when the parties have notified each other of all the required procedures.

EC/Comoros fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 28 February 1998 to 27 February 2001

1998/0144(CNS) - 06/05/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a new fisheries protocol between the Community and the Republic of the Comoros setting the fishing opportunities for Community vessels in the waters of this country and the financial compensation for the period from 28 February 1998 to 27 February 2001. SUBSTANCE: the new protocol, initialled by both parties on 27 February 1998, provides for licences for 44 freezer tuna seiners and 16 surface longliners in Comorian waters. The allocation set out in the proposal for a regulation distributes these fishing opportunities between four Member States: Spain, Italy, France and Portugal. If licence applications by these states do not cover all the fishing opportunities provided, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State. In compensation for the fishing opportunities provided under this Protocol, the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros will receive total financial compensation of ECU 180 000 per year for a catch of 4 500 tonnes per year in Comorian waters of tuna. In excess of this volume, the amount of compensation will be increased by ECU 50 per additional tonne. In addition to this financial compensation the Community will contribute a total of ECU 540 000 for the duration of the protocol for financing scientific and technical programmes for fisheries development and other initiatives in the fisheries sector such as study grants and practical advanced training for Comorian fishermen, fisheries surveillance programmes, etc. The annex to the Protocol includes details of the conditions for the pursuit of fishing activities by Community vessels. Details given relate to the arrangements for the issue of fishing licences, formalities concerning statements of catch and fees due from shipowners and other provisions on taking on board Comorian observers, monitoring of fishing activities, communication of vessels entering or leaving authorized fishing zones and rare and protected species.

EC/Comoros fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 28 February 1998 to 27 February 2001

1998/0144(CNS) - 17/07/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Allan MACARTNEY (ARE, UK) Parliament approved the protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution on fishing off the Comoros for the period from 28 February 1998 to 27 February 2001. Pointing out once again that Parliament should be better informed on the fisheries agreements it requested that during the final year of the validity of the Protocol (and before the start of negotiations on renewal) the Commission should submit to the Council and the Parliament a report on the application and conditions of implementation of the EC-Comoros fisheries agreement. This report should deal in particular with the state of fish stocks, in particular with regard to small-scale local fisheries, and also with regard to the scientific aspects of the agreement and vocational training.