Basic information

2002/2281(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Fisheries resources: conservation and sustainable development in Mediterranean Sea, action plan **Subject** 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources 3.70.20 Sustainable development **Geographical area** Mediterranean Sea area	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	LISI Giorgio (PPE-DE)	12/11/2002

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2476	2002-12-16

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
09/10/2002	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2002)0535	Summary
16/12/2002	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
16/01/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/05/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
20/05/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0171/2003	
19/06/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0281/2003	Summary
19/06/2003	Debate in Parliament		
19/06/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2002/2281(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 55
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/19023

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0171/2003	20/05/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0281/2003	19/06/2003	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2002)0535	09/10/2002	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1251/2002 OJ C 133 06.06.2003, p. 0029-0033	26/03/2003	

Fisheries resources: conservation and sustainable development in Mediterranean Sea, action plan

2002/2281(INI) - 09/10/2002 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : to lay down a Community Action Plan for the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources in the Mediterranean Sea under the Common Fisheries Policy. CONTENT : Mediterranean fisheries represent an important and vital sector of the Community fisheries. The Mediterranean Sea and the fisheries carried out there are characterised by a number of distinctive features with important implications for the conservation policy under the Common Fisheries Policy. These features include: relative extension of national vs. international waters, straddling and shared stocks, overall characteristics of fishing activities, availability of scientific information and a number of other considerations, e.g. leisure fisheries. Some of these features are not exclusive to the Mediterranean, but they are more pronounced in this region. On the basis of the guiding principles and objectives outlined in the previous sections, the Commission considers that a number of actions at Community level should be taken in order to achieve the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy in the Mediterranean Sea. In this Action Plan, the following specific fields of actions are foreseen at Community level and described below: - establishing a concerted approach over the jurisdiction of maritime waters, - reducing overall fishing pressure, - applying catch limitations where possible, - improving the current exploitation pattern and reducing negative effects on stocks and the environment, - improving control and enforcement, - strengthening scientific structures and improving scientific knowledge, - greater stakeholders' involvement in the consultation process. The Action Plan is presented as relevant priority initiatives for the next three years. Actions taken in the context of this Action Plan should include the widest possible consultation with stakeholders, the scientific community and national administrations at the earliest stages of the process. This orientation should allow exchange of opinions, debate and final agreement within the framework of ACFA, Advisory Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture, the STECF and the Council.

Fisheries resources: conservation and sustainable development in Mediterranean Sea, action plan

2002/2281(INI) - 19/06/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European adopted its own-initiative report drafted by Giorgio LISI (EPP-ED, Italy) on fisheries resources in the Mediterranean. (Please see the summary of 20/05/03.) Parliament asked the Commission not to encourage the establishment of new fisheries protection zones (FPZs) before having assessed their workability and the implications in the event of third countries taking a similar step. The programme proposed by the Commission is ambitious in overall terms, in that it seeks to achieve objectives which are largely contingent on actions by third countries in a very short space of time, despite the fact that new, reliable scientific data is not yet available. Parliament emphasised the need to coordinate research and to establish a model for the Mediterranean which can be used to extrapolate reliable data. Finally, Parliament believed that the extreme fragmentation of the market could be overcome if the centralisation of landing points were to be promoted - the practicalities of which would have to be compatible with the specific nature of the Mediterranean. It supported the establishment of local data-collection networks in order to facilitate research in this area.