## Basic information

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| **2004/0268(CNS)**<br><br>CNS - Consultation procedure<br>Decision | Procedure completed |
| Protection of fauna: Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme AIDCP, conclusion by the European Community<br><br>**Subject**<br><br>3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas<br>3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity | |

## Key players

### European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| PECH Fisheries | FREITAS Duarte (PPE-DE) | 25/01/2005 |

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |

### Council of the European Union

| Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
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| Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs | 2699 | 2005-12-08 |

### European Commission

| Commission DG | Commissioner |
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| Maritime Affairs and Fisheries | |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29/11/2004 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2004)0764 | Summary |
| 10/01/2005 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 24/05/2005 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 26/05/2005 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A6-0157/2005 | |
| 09/06/2005 | Decision by Parliament | T6-0229/2005 | Summary |

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| 09/06/2005 | Results of vote in Parliament | | |
| 09/06/2005 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 08/12/2005 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 08/12/2005 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 30/12/2005 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure reference** | 2004/0268(CNS) |
| **Procedure type** | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| **Procedure subtype** | Legislation |
| **Legislative instrument** | Decision |
| **Legal basis** | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1<br>EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | PECH/6/25239 |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amendments tabled in committee | | PE357.789 | 02/05/2005 | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A6-0157/2005 | 26/05/2005 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T6-0229/2005<br>OJ C 124 25.05.2006, p. 0419-0507 E | 09/06/2005 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Legislative proposal | COM(2004)0764 | 29/11/2004 | Summary |
| Commission response to text adopted in plenary | SP(2005)2882 | 13/07/2005 | |

## Additional information

| Source | Document | Date |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

Final act

Decision 2005/0938
OJ L 348 30.12.2005, p. 0026-0053 Summary

# Protection of fauna: Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme AIDCP, conclusion by the European Community

2004/0268(CNS) - 09/06/2005 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Duarte FREITAS (EPP-ED, PT), was adopted by 473 votes in favour to 6 against and 11 abstentions. (Please see the document of 24/05/2005.)

# Protection of fauna: Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme AIDCP, conclusion by the European Community

2004/0268(CNS) - 29/11/2004 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : the Conclusion of an EU Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision

CONTENT: In 1999 the Council authorised the signature of an Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme (AIDCP), the objective of which is the progressive reduction of incidental dolphin mortalities in the tuna purse-seine fishery in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The aim being to reach zero levels through the setting of annual limits and the long-term sustainability of tuna stock in the Agreement Area. The AIDCP, however, has been applied on a provisional basis only until such time that the EU can become a member of its sister organisation, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC). The IATTC plays a vital role in co-ordinating the AIDCP. Since 1999, though, the EU has been unable to become a member of the IATTC, mostly thanks to technical reasons. In June 2003, the Kingdom of Spain became a member of the IATTC. An agreement has been struck with Spain that its participation would be in line with that of the Community position. Given that Spain is now a full member of the IATTC, the Commission is proposing this Council Decision to allow the Community to take the necessary procedures for it to conclude the AIDCP in full and assume its responsibilities/duties under that Agreement. Following the adoption of the Decision, the Community will deposit the instrument of approval with the Government of the Unites States of America, which is the Depository of the AIDCP.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

- Budget lines and headings: 11 03 02 / B78001: Contributions to international organisations;

11 03 03 / B78002: Preparatory work for new international fisheries organisations and other non-compulsory contributions to international organisations.

- Overall figures: Total allocation for action (Part B): open-ended action.

- Period of application: From 2005 onwards.

- Overall multiannual estimate of expenditure: This action does not entail obligatory spending other than the costs inherent to human resources.

- Overall financial impact of human resources and other administrative expenditure: A total of three permanent staff (1A, 1B and 1C) at a total cost of EUR 324 000.

# Protection of fauna: Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme AIDCP, conclusion by the European Community

2004/0268(CNS) - 08/12/2005 - Final act

PURPOSE: to approve, on behalf of the Community, the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision 2005/938/EC on the approval on behalf of the European Community of the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme.

CONTENT: the purpose of the 1998 Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme is to reduce, progressively, the mortality rate of dolphins to close to zero through the setting of annual limits. The current cause of the high mortality rate on dolphins can be directly linked to the fishing of tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. A further feature of the Agreement is the long term conservation of tuna stock within the same waters.

Given that EU fishermen actively fish tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Community has a direct interest in preserving, both for ecological as well as economic reasons, a sustainable tuna fish stock in the geographically defined area.

Through the Kingdom of Spain's membership of the "Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission" (IATTC), the Community is now in a position to approve the Agreement and fully assume its duties and responsibilities, under both the Agreement and the Convention establishing the IATTC. Accordingly, the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme has now been approved on behalf of the Community. The President of the Council has been authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to deposit the instrument of approval with the Government of the United States of America.