Basic information

2022/0362(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EU/Seychelles Agreement: access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte **Subject** 3.15.15.03 Fisheries agreements with Indian Ocean countries **Geographical area** Seychelles	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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Council of the European Union

European Commission

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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/11/2022	Preparatory document	COM(2022)0577	Summary
15/03/2023	Legislative proposal published	15048/2022	Summary
16/03/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

19/02/2024	Vote in committee		
20/02/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0043/2024	
29/02/2024	Decision by Parliament	T9-0111/2024	Summary
29/02/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
25/03/2024	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/03/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2022/0362(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p7 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/9/10611

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE757.013	18/12/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0043/2024	20/02/2024	
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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	15048/2022	15/03/2023	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2022)0576	10/11/2022	
Preparatory document	COM(2022)0577	10/11/2022	Summary

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
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Final act
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EU/Seychelles Agreement: access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte

2022/0362(NLE) - 15/03/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles on access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles on access for Seychelles fishing vessels to Mayotte waters was signed subject to its conclusion at a later date. The Agreement has been applied provisionally from the date of its signature.

The Agreement should be approved.

CONTENT: the purpose of the draft Council Decision is to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles on access for Seychelles fishing vessels to Mayotte waters.

The objective of the Agreement is to enable further strengthening of a strategic partnership with Seychelles and to align the technical and financial conditions of the Fisheries Access Agreement with the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Seychelles and its Implementing Protocol signed in 2020, and to contribute to responsible fishing in EU waters and to developing fishery policy in Mayotte.

The Agreement establishes the principles, rules and procedures governing:

- economic, financial, technical and scientific cooperation in the fisheries sector with a view to promoting sustainable fishing in Union waters to guarantee the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources and develop the fisheries sector in Mayotte;

- the conditions governing access by Seychelles fishing vessels to Union waters;

- the arrangements for the management, control and surveillance of fishing activities in Union waters with a view to ensuring compliance with the above rules and conditions; the effectiveness of measures for the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fish stocks and the management of fishing activities and the prevention of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

The Agreement establishes a Joint Committee responsible for monitoring the application of the Agreement. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Joint Committee may approve certain amendments thereto.

The Union’s position on amendments that are proposed to the Agreement should be established by the Council. The Commission should approve the proposed amendments on behalf of the Union, unless a number of Member States constituting a blocking minority, object to them.

EU/Seychelles Agreement: access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte

2022/0362(NLE) - 10/11/2022 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles on access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles on access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte was signed and entered into provisional application on 20 May 2014 for a duration of 6 years. The Agreement of 2015 was tacitly renewed on 20 May 2020.

The Commission conducted negotiations with the Government of Seychelles with a view to concluding an agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles. Following these negotiations, a new agreement was initialled on 10 June 2022. The new Agreement covers a period of 6 years from the date of provisional application, that being the date on which it is signed by both parties.

As part of the evaluation of a possible future Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) and Protocol, consultations were held with Member States, industry representatives and international civil society organisations, as well as Seychelles' fisheries administration and civil society. These consultations led to the conclusion that it would be beneficial for the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles to conclude a new agreement.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to **authorise the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles on access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte**.

The objective of the Agreement is to enable further strengthening of a strategic partnership with Seychelles and to align the technical and financial conditions of the Fisheries Access Agreement with the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Seychelles and its Implementing Protocol signed in 2020, and to contribute to responsible fishing in EU waters and to developing fishery policy in Mayotte

The Agreement establishes the principles, rules and procedures governing:

- economic, financial, technical and scientific cooperation in the fisheries sector with a view to promoting sustainable fishing in Union waters to guarantee the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources and develop the fisheries sector in Mayotte;

- the conditions governing access by Seychelles fishing vessels to Union waters;

- the arrangements for the management, control and surveillance of fishing activities in Union waters with a view to ensuring compliance with the above rules and conditions; the effectiveness of measures for the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fish stocks and the management of fishing activities and the prevention of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

The Agreement provides fishing opportunities for Seychelles vessels in the Union waters of Mayotte. These fishing opportunities are based on the best available scientific advice and respect the recommendations of the regional fisheries organisation managing the highly migratory fish stocks, the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), where applicable within the limits of the available surplus.

The Agreement provides for fishing opportunities to eight Seychelles purse seiners.

Lastly, it establishes a Joint Committee responsible for monitoring the application of the Agreement. Pursuant to the Agreement, this Committee may approve certain amendments thereto. The Union's position on amendments that are proposed to the Agreement should be established by the Council. The Commission should approve the proposed amendments on behalf of the Union, unless a number of Member States constituting a blocking minority, object to them.

EU/Seychelles Agreement: access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte

2022/0362(NLE) - 29/02/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 364 votes to 139, with 25 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles on access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Agreement.

The aim of this new Agreement is to enable further strengthening of a strategic partnership with Seychelles and to contribute to responsible fishing in EU waters and developing fisheries policy in Mayotte. The technical and financial conditions of the Fisheries Access Agreement are also aligned with those the SFPA with Seychelles and its Implementing Protocol signed in 2020.

This Agreement establishes the principles, rules and procedures governing cooperation in the fisheries sector with a view to ensuring responsible fishing and the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources in waters around Mayotte based on the principle of non-discrimination between the different fleets fishing in those waters.

The conditions governing access by Seychelles fishing vessels to these EU waters are further detailed in the annex to the agreement (fishing opportunities, fishing authorisations, monitoring, and observers, etc).

Under the agreement, eight Seychelles-flagged vessels (purse seiners) will be able to fish in Mayotte's waters, beyond 24-nautical miles from its coasts. Fishing opportunities are based on the best available scientific advice (and where applicable within the limits of the surplus available) and in line with the recommendations of the regional fisheries management organisation responsible, namely the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).