

| Basic information | |
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| <p>2023/0147(NLE)</p> <p>NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision</p> | Procedure completed |
| <p>EC/Kiribati Fisheries Partnership Agreement (2023-2028). Implementation Protocol</p> <p>See also 2007/0062(CNS) See also 2012/0229(NLE)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.15.15.06 Fisheries agreements with Pacific countries</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>Kiribati</p> | |

| Key players | | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | PECH Fisheries | | PIMENTA LOPES João (The Left) | 05/06/2023 |
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| | Committee for opinion | | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | DEVE Development | | KEMPA Beata (ECR) | 18/07/2023 |
| | BUDG Budgets | | HERBST Niclas (EPP) | 24/10/2023 |
| Council of the European Union | | | | |
| European Commission | Commission DG | | Commissioner | |
| | Maritime Affairs and Fisheries | | SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus | |

| Key events | | | |
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| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
| 16/05/2023 | Preparatory document | COM(2023)0251  | Summary |
| 05/10/2023 | Legislative proposal published | 09862/2023 | Summary |
| 19/10/2023 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 29/11/2023 | Vote in committee | | |
| 30/11/2023 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A9-0380/2023 | |
| 12/12/2023 | Decision by Parliament | T9-0452/2023 | Summary |
| 12/12/2023 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |
| 16/01/2024 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 24/01/2024 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2023/0147(NLE) |
| Procedure type | NLE - Non-legislative enactments |
| Procedure subtype | Consent by Parliament |
| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Amendments and repeals | See also 2007/0062(CNS) See also 2012/0229(NLE) |
| Legal basis | Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a |
| Other legal basis | Rules of Procedure EP 165 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | PECH/9/12058 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | |
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| European Parliament | | | | |
| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
| Committee opinion | DEVE | PE752.754 | 21/09/2023 | |
| Committee draft report | | PE753.774 | 04/10/2023 | |
| Committee opinion | BUDG | PE755.002 | 16/11/2023 | |
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Council of the EU

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| Preparatory document | COM(2023)0251  | 16/05/2023 | Summary |
| Document attached to the procedure | COM(2023)0253  | 16/05/2023 | |

Additional information

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

Final act

[Decision 2024/0396](#)
[OJ L 000 24.01.2024, p. 0000](#)

EC/Kiribati Fisheries Partnership Agreement (2023-2028). Implementation Protocol

2023/0147(NLE) - 05/10/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Kiribati, of the other part (2023-2028).

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 Protocol implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Kiribati, of the other part (2023-2028) has been signed. The Protocol should now be approved.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision seeks to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Republic of Kiribati, on the other (2023-2028).

The objective of the Protocol is to implement the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Republic of Kiribati, on the other so as to grant fishing opportunities to Union vessels in the fishing areas within Kiribati waters and to enable the Union and Kiribati to work more closely on promoting cooperation in the field of sustainable development of the oceans, in fishery policy and the blue economy, while contributing to decent working conditions in the fisheries sector.

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities for Union vessels in the fishing areas within Kiribati waters, on the basis of the best available scientific advice and following the conservation and management measures adopted by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

The Joint Committee may approve certain amendments to the Protocol. To facilitate the approval of such amendments, the Commission should be empowered, subject to specific substantive and procedural conditions, to approve them on behalf of the Union under a simplified procedure.

The Union's position on amendments that are proposed to the Protocol should be established by the Council. The proposed amendments should be approved unless a blocking minority objects to them.

This Decision should enter into force as soon as possible in view of the economic importance of Union fishing activities in Kiribati waters and the need to reduce as much as possible the time period before such activities can resume.

EC/Kiribati Fisheries Partnership Agreement (2023-2028). Implementation Protocol

2023/0147(NLE) - 12/12/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 536 votes to 36, with 40 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Republic of Kiribati, on the other.

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

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Republic of Kiribati, on the other, was signed on 28 April 2008, and entered into force on 30 April 2008 for a duration of six years. The first Protocol on the implementation of the FPA expired on 15 September 2012. The second Protocol expired on 15 September 2015.

On 26 January 2015, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations for a new Protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Kiribati. Negotiations started in 2015 but were interrupted by the IUU yellow-carding process and the pandemic.

Following those negotiations, the new Protocol was signed by the negotiators on 18 December 2022. The new Protocol is in force for a period of five years from the date of its provisional application, i.e. the date of signature by both parties.

The aim of the new Protocol is to grant fishing opportunities to EU Member State vessels in the fishing areas within Kiribati waters in accordance with scientific advice and the recommendations of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

The new Protocol allows EU Member State vessels to fish tuna species in Kiribati waters and offers fishing opportunities to four tuna purse seiners, with access to Kiribati waters for 160 days per year. Additional days per year can be made available to EU Member State vessels on request.

The annual financial contribution from the Union is EUR 760 000, distributed as follows:

- an annual amount fixed at EUR 360 000 for the duration of the new Protocol to access fishery resources for the categories provided for in the Protocol;
- support for the development of Kiribati's sectoral fisheries policy for an annual amount of EUR 400 000 for the duration of the new Protocol.

The Commission will be empowered to approve, on behalf of the EU, amendments to the Protocol adopted by the Joint Committee established by the Partnership Agreement.

EC/Kiribati Fisheries Partnership Agreement (2023-2028). Implementation Protocol

2023/0147(NLE) - 16/05/2023 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Kiribati, of the other part (2023-2028).

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 Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Republic of Kiribati, on the other, was signed on 28 April 2008 and entered into force on 30 April 2008 for a period of six years. The first Protocol implementing the FPA expired on 15 September 2012. The second such Protocol expired on 15 September 2015.

On 26 January 2015, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations for a new Protocol to the FPA between the European Union and the Republic of Kiribati. Following these negotiations, the new Protocol was initialled by the negotiators on 18 December 2022. The new protocol covers a period of five years from its date of provisional application, i.e. the date of signature by both parties.

The negotiation of the new Protocol implementing the FPA forms part of the EU's external action towards the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, and takes particular account of the EU's objectives regarding respect for democratic principles and human rights.

CONTENT: the purpose of the proposal is to seek the Council's authorisation for the conclusion of the new Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Kiribati, of the other part (2023-2028).

The objective of the Protocol is to implement the Fisheries Partnership Agreement so as to grant fishing opportunities to Union vessels in the fishing areas within Kiribati waters and to enable the Union and Kiribati to work more closely on promoting cooperation in the field of sustainable development of the oceans, fishery policy, while contributing to decent working conditions in the fisheries sector.

Fishing opportunities

The aim of the new Protocol is to grant fishing opportunities to EU vessels in the Kiribati fishing zones, in accordance with scientific advice and the recommendations of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC).

The new Protocol allows Union vessels to fish in Kiribati waters for tuna species and provides for the following fishing opportunities:

- 4 tuna purse seine vessels, with an access to Kiribati waters for 160 days per year;
- possible additional days per year can be made available to Union vessels, upon request.

Financial contribution

The annual financial contribution from the Union is EUR 760 000, based on:

- an annual amount for access to fishery resources for the categories provided for in the Protocol, set at EUR 360 000 for the duration of the new Protocol;
- support for the development of Kiribati's sectoral fisheries policy amounting to EUR 400 000 per year, for the duration of the new Protocol.

This support meets the objectives of Kiribati's policy on the sustainable management of their maritime fishery resources for the entire duration of the new Protocol.

The Commission will be empowered to approve, on behalf of the Union, amendments to the Protocol adopted by the Joint Committee set up by the Partnership Agreement.