Basic information

2024/0133(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EC/Cabo Verde Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029) **Subject** 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries **Geographical area** Cabo Verde	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	DO NASCIMENTO CABRAL Paulo (EPP)	19/09/2024
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Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	ESTARÀS FERRAGUT Rosa (EPP)	15/10/2024

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed

	DEVE Development		
	BUDG Budgets		

Committee for budgetary assessment	Rapporteur for budgetary assessment	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	SOUSA SILVA Hélder (EPP)	16/09/2024

Council of the European Union	
European Commission	

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
06/06/2024	Preparatory document	COM(2024)0236	Summary
26/07/2024	Legislative proposal published	11267/2024	Summary
19/09/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/01/2025	Vote in committee		
30/01/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0004/2025	
11/02/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0009/2025	Summary
11/02/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
24/03/2025	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/03/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2024/0133(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 58 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p7 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Committee dossier	PECH/10/00419

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE763.283	22/10/2024	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE765.016	21/11/2024	
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE765.301	05/12/2024	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0004/2025	30/01/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0009/2025	11/02/2025	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	11267/2024	26/07/2024	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2024)0234	06/06/2024	
Preparatory document	COM(2024)0236	06/06/2024	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2024)0237	06/06/2024	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2025/0643
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EC/Cabo Verde Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

2024/0133(NLE) - 11/02/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 507 votes to 76, with 16 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde.

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

As a reminder, the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde allows 56 European Union vessels to fish for tuna and other related species in Cabo Verdean waters.

The new agreement covers a period of five years and will offer EU vessels the possibility to fish 7 000 tonnes of tuna and tuna-like species in Cabo Verde's waters. In return, the EU will pay Cabo Verde a financial contribution of **EUR 780 000** per year (EUR 3 900 000 for the entire duration of the Protocol), from which EUR 350 000 is related to a reference tonnage of 7 000 tonnes, and EUR 430 000 to support for developing Cabo Verde's sectoral fisheries policy.

This Protocol puts special emphasis on promoting decent working conditions for fishing activity, scientific capacity building, observation and management of the marine environment and marine protected areas. It promotes sustainable fisheries management, fisheries control and the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU). It also contains new provisions to improve vessel monitoring, the management of fishing authorizations and enhanced management measures for shark stocks. The Protocol responds to Cabo Verde's desire to strengthen the industrialisation and competitiveness of its fishing sector.

EC/Cabo Verde Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

2024/0133(NLE) - 28/03/2025 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2025/643 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde.

CONTENT: the Council decided to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde.

The Protocol aims to allow EU vessels to carry out fishing activities in Cabo Verde's fishing zone and to enable the EU and Cabo Verde to work closely together to continue to promote the development of a sustainable fisheries policy and responsible exploitation of fisheries resources in Cabo Verde's fishing zone. This cooperation also contributes to the establishment of decent working conditions in the fisheries sector.

The protocol applies for a period of five years from the first day of provisional application.

Fishing opportunities

Cabo Verde issues fishing authorisations to Union vessels within the following limits:

(a) freezer tuna seiners: 24 vessels;

(b) pole-and-line tuna vessels: 10 vessels;

(c) surface longliners: 22 vessels.

These fishing opportunities concern fishing for highly migratory species listed in Annex I of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, within the limits set by this Protocol and excluding species protected or prohibited under the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) or other international conventions.

Financial contribution

The total financial compensation amounts to **EUR 3 900 000**. In addition, a financial contribution is paid by the vessel owners. This total financial contribution includes:

(a) an annual amount of EUR 350 000 corresponding to a reference tonnage of 7 000 tonnes per year for access to Cabo Verdean waters and fishery resources;

(b) a specific amount of EUR 430 000 per year, intended to support and implement Cabo Verde's sectoral fisheries policy.

If the overall quantity of catches by Union vessels in the fishing zone exceeds the reference tonnage, the amount of the financial contribution will be increased by EUR 50 for each additional tonne caught.

Joint committee

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde establishes a Joint Committee responsible for monitoring the application of the Agreement and the Protocol. This Joint Committee has the power to approve certain amendments to the Protocol. In order to facilitate the approval of these amendments, the Commission is empowered, subject to substantive and procedural conditions, to approve them on behalf of the Union under a simplified procedure.

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

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 24.3.2025.

EC/Cabo Verde Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

2024/0133(NLE) - 06/06/2024 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde.

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 between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde (FPA) was signed on 12 February 2007 and entered into force on 30 March 2007 for a period of 5 years. It is tacitly renewable and is therefore still in force. A previous 5-year FPA Implementing Protocol entered into force on 20 May 2019 and expired on 19 May 2024.

On 19 December 2023, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations for a new Protocol to the FPA.

The Commission conducted negotiations with Cabo Verde on the conclusion of a new Protocol implementing the FPA between the European Community and Cabo Verde. The objective is to allow Union vessels to enter Cabo Verde's fishing zone to fish for tuna and related species in accordance with the measures adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). Following these negotiations, a new text of the Implementing Protocol was signed on 15 April 2024.

The new Protocol covers a period of 5 years from the date of provisional application.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to conclude the new Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde.

The main aim of the Protocol to the FPA is to provide an updated framework that takes into account the priorities of the common fisheries policy (CFP) and its external dimension. The new Protocol aims to grant fishing opportunities to Union vessels in the fishing zones located in Cabo Verde's waters, in accordance with scientific advice and ICCAT recommendations. Another objective is to strengthen cooperation between the Union and Cabo Verde by implementing the FPA partnership framework to develop a sustainable fisheries policy and promote sound exploitation of fishery resources in Cabo Verde's waters, in the interests of both parties.

Fishing opportunities

The new Protocol allows Union vessels to fish for tuna in Cabo Verde's waters and provides for the following fishing opportunities:

- 24 tuna seiners;

- 22 surface longliners;

- 10 pole-and-line vessels;

in addition to support vessels in accordance with the relevant ICCAT resolutions.

Financial contribution

The financial contribution for the entire duration of the Protocol is **EUR 3 900 000** (i.e. EUR 780 000 per year), based on:

- a reference tonnage of 7 000 tonnes, for which an annual amount linked to access has been set at EUR 350 000;

- support for developing Cabo Verde's sectoral fisheries policy, amounting to EUR 430 000 per year.

This support meets the objectives of cooperation in the fields of sustainable exploitation of fishery resources, aquaculture, sustainable development of the oceans, protection of the marine environment, and the blue economy.

The annual amount for commitment and payment appropriations is established during the annual budgetary procedure, including for the reserve line for protocols not yet having entered into force at the beginning of the year.

EC/Cabo Verde Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

2024/0133(NLE) - 26/07/2024 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde (2024-2029).

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: in accordance with a Council Decision, Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde was signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The Protocol should be approved on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: the purpose of the draft Council Decision is to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde (2024-2029).

The objectives of the Protocol are to allow Union vessels to fish in Cabo Verde’s fishing zone and to enable the Union and Cabo Verde to work closely together to further promote the development of a sustainable fisheries policy and the responsible exploitation of fishery resources in Cabo Verde’s fishing zone. That cooperation will also contribute to decent working conditions in the fisheries sector.

The agreement establishes the Joint Committee responsible for monitoring its implementation. Furthermore, in accordance with the Protocol, the Joint Committee may adopt certain modifications to the Protocol. To facilitate the approval of such amendments, the Commission should be authorised, subject to specific substantive and procedural conditions, to approve them on behalf of the Union under a simplified procedure.

The Union’s position on proposed amendments to the Protocol should be established by the Council. The proposed amendments should be approved unless a blocking minority of Member States objects to them.

The position to be adopted by the Union in the Joint Committee on other matters should be determined in accordance with the Treaties and established forms of practice.