

Basic information	
<p>2024/0159(NLE)</p> <p>NLE - Non-legislative enactments</p>	Procedure completed
<p>EC/Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)</p> <p>Accompanying procedure 2024/0159M(NLE)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>Guinea-Bissau</p>	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		SARGIACOMO Eric (S&D)	18/09/2024
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	DEVE Development		BULLMANN Udo (S&D)	19/11/2024
	Committee for budgetary assessment		Rapporteur for budgetary assessment	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		GERMAIN Jean-Marc (S&D)	07/10/2024
Council of the European Union				
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
09/07/2024	Preparatory document	COM(2024)0285 	Summary
23/09/2024	Legislative proposal published	12475/2024	Summary

10/10/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/03/2025	Vote in committee		
20/03/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0028/2025	
02/04/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0053/2025	Summary
02/04/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/05/2025	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/05/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2024/0159(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	Accompanying procedure 2024/0159M(NLE)
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 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/10/00454

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE765.182	14/11/2024	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE765.009	22/11/2024	
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE766.706	28/01/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0028/2025	20/03/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0053/2025	02/04/2025	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	12475/2024	23/09/2024	Summary	
European Commission				
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	COM(2024)0285			

Preparatory document		09/07/2024	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2024)0286 	09/07/2024	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2024)0287 	09/07/2024	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
CAMARA MéliSSa	Shadow rapporteur	PECH	14/11/2024	OCEANA
SARGIACOMO Eric	Rapporteur	PECH	15/10/2024	CAPE-CFFA
SARGIACOMO Eric	Rapporteur	PECH	01/10/2024	European Transport Workers' Federation
SARGIACOMO Eric	Rapporteur	PECH	24/09/2024	EUROPECHE

Final act
Decision 2025/0961 OJ OJ L 21.05.2025

EC/Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

2024/0159(NLE) - 02/04/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 518 votes to 104, with 61 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029).

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

The current Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024-2029) was applied provisionally from the date of signature, i.e. 18 September 2024. This fisheries agreement allows vessels from a number of EU Member States to fish in Guinea-Bissau waters.

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories: freezer shrimp trawlers; freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers; small pelagic trawlers; tuna freezer vessels and longliners; pole-and-line tuna vessels. The Agreement is **multi-species** and covers tuna, cephalopods, shrimps and demersal species.

The Agreement is part of a network of tuna agreements in West Africa and is one of only three multi-species agreements in the region (the others being with Morocco and with Mauritania).

The fishing opportunities provided for in the Agreement are based on the best scientific advice available and on the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

The EU contribution to this new protocol is estimated at **EUR 85 million over the 5 years, consisting of EUR 17 million per year**, of which EUR 4.5 million will be dedicated to promoting Guinea-Bissau's sustainable fisheries management, control and surveillance capacities, and supporting local fishing communities.

In addition to the EU contribution, shipowners will pay licence and capture fees to the Guinea-Bissau administration to be authorised to fish. The combination of the EU's contribution and fees paid by EU operators puts the total estimated financial envelope beyond EUR 100 million over the 5 year period.

EC/Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

2024/0159(NLE) - 23/09/2024 - Legislative proposal

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 Guinea-Bissau.

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 on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029) signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date, should now be approved.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029).

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

The Joint Committee responsible for monitoring the application of the Agreement and the Protocol will have the power to approve certain amendments to the Protocol. The Commission will be 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.

EC/Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

2024/0159(NLE) - 09/07/2024 - 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 Guinea-Bissau.

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 and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau entered into force on 15 April 2008. It is tacitly renewable and is therefore still in force. The previous 5-year Implementing Protocol to the Agreement entered into force on 15 June 2019 and expired on 14 June 2024.

On 14 February 2024, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations for a new Protocol to the FPA.

The Commission conducted negotiations with Guinea-Bissau on concluding a new Implementing Protocol to the Agreement. The objective is to allow Union vessels to access the fishing zone of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and to fish for demersal species (crustaceans, cephalopods and fish), small pelagic species, and tuna and associated species there. Following these negotiations, a new text of the Implementing Protocol was initialled on 16 May 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 Guinea-Bissau.

The main aim of the new Protocol to the Agreement is to provide an updated framework that takes into account the priorities of the common fisheries policy (CFP) and the external dimension. This will help maintain and strengthen the strategic partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Another objective is to enhance cooperation between the Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau by implementing the partnership framework for the Agreement in order to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and the responsible exploitation of fishery resources in the waters of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, in the interest of both Parties.

Fishing opportunities

The new Protocol provides for the following fishing opportunities:

- freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers: 3 500 GRT per year;
- freezer shrimp trawlers: 3 700 GRT per year;
- small-pelagic trawlers: 0 tonnes per year;
- 28 freezer tuna seiners and longliners;
- 13 pole-and-line tuna vessels;

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

Financial contribution

The financial contribution under the new Protocol is set at **EUR 17 000 000 per year**, based on:

- an annual amount of EUR 12 500 000 for access to fishery resources in the fishing zone of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau; and
- a specific amount of EUR 4 500 000 per year in support of the sectoral policy of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

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.