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EC-Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement – Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement for 2025-2029 Subject 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries Geographical area Côte d'Ivoire	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		DIEPEVEEN Ton (PFE)	08/04/2025
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	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	DEVE Development		MOREIRA DE SÁ Tiago (PFE)	07/07/2025
	Committee for budgetary assessment		Rapporteur for budgetary assessment	Appointed
BUDG Budgets		LUPO Giuseppe (S&D)	22/04/2025	
Council of the European Union				
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		KADIS Costas	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
05/03/2025	Preparatory document	COM(2025)0076 	Summary
12/06/2025	Legislative proposal published	07374/2025	Summary
07/07/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/09/2025	Vote in committee		
09/09/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0159/2025	
08/10/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0215/2025	Summary
08/10/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
30/10/2025	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
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Technical information

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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE771.992	25/06/2025	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE773.127	16/07/2025	
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE775.571	02/09/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0159/2025	09/09/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0215/2025	08/10/2025	Summary

Council of the EU

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Legislative proposal	07374/2025	12/06/2025	Summary

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EC-Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement – Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement for 2025-2029

2025/0046(NLE) - 12/06/2025 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol (2025-2029) on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community.

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 Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2025-2029) was signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date. It is now appropriate to approve the Protocol on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2025-2029).

The aim of the Protocol is to allow Union vessels to fish in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone and to enable the Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire ('Côte d'Ivoire') to work together more closely to develop a sustainable fisheries policy, so as to promote the responsible exploitation of fishery resources in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone and in the Atlantic Ocean, and to help achieve decent working conditions in the fisheries sector.

The new protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories: (i) 25 purse seine tuna vessels; (ii) 7 surface longliners; (iii) support vessels in accordance with the relevant ICCAT resolutions and the limits set by Côte d'Ivoire legislation.

The annual financial contribution amounts to EUR 740 000.

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community establishes a Joint Committee responsible for monitoring and controlling the implementation of the Agreement, including its implementing protocols. In addition, the Joint Committee may approve certain amendments to the implementing protocols.

In order to facilitate the approval of amendments to the Protocol, the Commission should be authorised, subject to specific substantive and procedural conditions set out in the Annex to this Decision, to approve them on behalf of the Union under a simplified procedure.

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

EC-Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement – Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement for 2025-2029

2025/0046(NLE) - 08/10/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 520 votes to, 97 with 12 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 Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2025–2029).

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

The Protocol allocates an annual EU contribution of **EUR 74 0000**, comprising EUR 305 000 for access rights and EUR 435 000 for sectoral support. Additionally, operators will pay EUR 80 per tonne of catch in the first two years, increasing to EUR 85 per tonne in the final two years. The Protocol authorises **25 tuna purse seiners and 7 surface longliners** to fish within Côte d'Ivoire's Exclusive Economic Zone, with an annual reference catch limit of 6 100 tonnes of tuna.

Of the EUR 740 000 allocated annually under the agreement, EUR 435 000 is allocated as **sectoral support**, specifically earmarked for the development of Côte d'Ivoire's fisheries infrastructure, governance capacities and scientific expertise. The sectoral support also targets improvements in scientific knowledge, management measures for small-scale fishing and aquaculture and community support through training.

Decisions on the precise allocation of these funds will be approved by a Joint Committee, ensuring transparency and alignment with strategic objectives. A portion of the funds is specifically dedicated to addressing IUU fishing, which contributes to establishing a level playing field for the EU fishers. Moreover, the Protocol promises job creation and improved economic opportunities for local communities through better fisheries management and enhanced infrastructure.

EC-Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement – Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement for 2025-2029

2025/0046(NLE) - 05/03/2025 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol (2025-2029) on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community.

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 Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community was signed and entered into force on 18 April 2008 for a period of six years. A previous six year Protocol on the implementation of the FPA started to apply on 1 August 2018 and expired on 31 July 2024.

Based on the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union for a new implementing protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, the Commission conducted negotiations with the government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. Following those negotiations, a Protocol was initialled by the negotiators on 21 November 2024. The new Protocol covers a period of four years from the date of provisional application, that date being the date on which it is signed by the Parties.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to authorise the conclusion of the **Protocol (2025-2029) on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement** between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community.

The main aim of the new Protocol is to provide an updated framework with a view to continuing and strengthening the strategic partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in the field of fisheries.

Fishing opportunities

The Protocol grants fishing opportunities to European Union vessels in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone in accordance with the best available scientific advice and the resolutions and recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), within the limits of the available surplus. The aim is also to enhance cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire so as to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and the responsible exploitation of fishery resources in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone and in the Atlantic Ocean, in the interests of the Parties. This cooperation will also help to promote decent working conditions for fishing activity.

The new Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories:

- 25 tuna purse seiners;

- 7 surface longliners;

- support vessels in accordance with the relevant ICCAT resolutions and within the limits set by Côte d'Ivoire's legislation.

Financial Contribution

The annual financial contribution amounts to **EUR 740 000**, based on:

(a) an annual amount of EUR 305 000 for access to the fisheries resources in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone, equivalent to a reference tonnage of 6 100 tonnes per year for highly migratory species;

(b) support for development of the sectoral fisheries policy of Côte d'Ivoire, amounting to EUR 435 000 per year. This support meets the objectives of Côte d'Ivoire's strategic plan for fisheries.

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community establishes a Joint Committee responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Agreement and its implementing protocol. In addition, the Joint Committee may approve certain amendments to the protocol.