



Basic information	
<b>2025/0287(NLE)</b> NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal
EU–Cook Islands Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (2025-2032): Implementing Protocol	
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<b>Geographical area</b> Cook Islands	



Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
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European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/09/2025	Preparatory document	COM(2025)0511 	Summary
11/12/2025	Legislative proposal published	13158/2025	
27/01/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/04/2026	Vote in committee		
16/04/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0092/2026	
20/05/2026	Decision by Parliament	T10-0179/2026	Summary
20/05/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		
08/06/2026	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

Technical information	
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Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">BUDG</span>	PE781.450	05/02/2026	
Committee draft report		PE779.323	23/02/2026	
Committee opinion	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">DEVE</span>	PE781.337	17/03/2026	
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<b>Council of the EU</b>				
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## European Commission

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Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2025)0511</a> 	23/09/2025	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">COM(2025)0512</a> 	23/09/2025	

## Additional information

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European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

## 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
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## EU–Cook Islands Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (2025-2032): Implementing Protocol

2025/0287(NLE) - 23/09/2025 - Preparatory document

**PURPOSE:** to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Cook Islands (2025-2032).

**PROPOSED ACT:** Decision of the Council.

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

**BACKGROUND:** the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) between the European Union and the Government of the Cook Islands was signed on 14 October 2016 and entered into force on 10 May 2017 for a period of eight years from the date of the start of its provisional application. The agreement is tacitly renewable for eight-year periods and is therefore still in force.

The Commission to conduct negotiations with the Cook Islands on a new protocol implementing the SFPA. Following these negotiations, a protocol was initialled by the negotiators on 20 June 2025. The new protocol covers a period of seven years from the date of provisional application.

**CONTENT:** this proposal seeks to obtain the Council's authorisation for the conclusion of the new Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Cook Islands (2025-2032).

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

### **Fishing opportunities**

The new protocol grants fishing opportunities to Union vessels in fishing zones located in Cook Islands waters, in compliance with scientific advice and recommendations of the relevant regional fisheries management organisations (WCPFC, RFMOPS, APSOI).

The protocol provides fishing opportunities for:

- 4 tuna purse seiners;
- 40 days of fishing per year in the Cook Islands fishing zone.

### ***Budgetary impact***

The annual financial contribution amounts to **EUR 460 000**, based on:

- an annual amount for access to fishery resources as provided for in the protocol, set at EUR 165 000 for the duration of the protocol;
- support for development of the Cook Islands' sectoral fisheries policy amounting to EUR 295 000 per year. This support meets the objectives of the Cook Islands' strategic plan for fisheries.

## **EU–Cook Islands Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (2025-2032): Implementing Protocol**

2025/0287(NLE) - 20/05/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 476 votes to 101, with 74 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 Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Cook Islands (2025-2032).

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

The new protocol was negotiated to implement the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Union and the Cook Islands, which has been in force since 10 May 2017. It covers a period of seven years and aims to update the cooperation framework between the Union and the Cook Islands, taking into account the priorities of the Common Fisheries Policy as well as the priorities of the Cook Islands.

The existence of this implementation protocol will also strengthen the strategic partnership that the Union maintains with the Cook Islands and will promote the adoption of a sustainable fisheries policy and the responsible exploitation of fisheries resources in the waters of the Cook Islands.

### ***Fishing opportunities***

The protocol provides fishing opportunities for four tuna purse seiners and 40 fishing days per year in the Cook Islands fishing zone. The protocol and access to these fishing opportunities in the Cook Islands fishing area are important for Union vessels operating in this zone. The number of fishing days has been reduced compared to the previous protocol to better reflect the utilisation rate under that protocol.

### ***Financial contribution***

The new protocol provides for the payment to the Cook Islands of an annual financial contribution of EUR 460 000, of which EUR 165 000 is for access to fisheries resources and EUR 295 000 is to support the development of the Cook Islands' sectoral fisheries policy.

The sectoral support provided by the new protocol will contribute to the implementation of the Cook Islands' fisheries policy and the development of their national fishing sector and economy by fostering growth related to fishing-related economic activities and infrastructure, and by ensuring decent working conditions. It will also contribute to the Cook Islands' global fisheries plan, their efforts to monitor and combat illegal fishing, and support the country's small-scale fishing sector.