

**Question for written answer E-014921/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and landing obligation

One of the new features in the CFP reform is the 'discard ban' or landing obligation, which is being introduced gradually from 2015 to 2019. This will require the avoidance of, or a reduction in, bycatch through the use of more selective gear and more sustainable fishing management plans. Given their experience and knowledge, local communities and the fisheries sector will play an essential role in this.

What are the implications of the discard ban for the fisheries' local communities, and how can these be addressed at local level?