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TOP NEWS – FEBRUARY 2018

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Monday 26 February 2018, 15.00 - 18.30 and

Tuesday 27 February 2018, 9.00 - 12.30, in Brussels, Room ASP 3E-2

HIGHLIGHTS

- Presentation of 3 INI reports: on the optimisation of the value chain in fisheries, on competitive and sustainable aquaculture and on the compliance with market access criteria of imported fisheries products
- Exchange of views with the Commission on procedural aspects related to the derogations granted to pulse fishing
- Adoption of the NLE report denouncing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Comoros
- Adoption of the recommendations on the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Mauritius

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Agenda

Next Fisheries Committee meeting:

21-22 March 2018

Next public hearings:

“Encounters between science and management in fisheries” **21 March 2018** at 14.30

“Implementation of the EMFF: achievements since 2014 and perspectives after 2020” **20 June 2018**

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



Alain CADEC
Chair of Committee on Fisheries

Dear Colleagues,

Dear Friends,

This month, the Committee on Fisheries meets on 26-27 February. We will have the opportunity to address various issues of great importance to ensure the sustainability of European fisheries.

The Committee on Fisheries has decided to analyse the transposition of measures aiming at the evaluation of the conformity of fisheries products with EU market access criteria. The EU is highly dependent on imports of fisheries products. In fact, 60% of our fisheries products are imported. Therefore, it is of utmost importance to ensure conformity of these products with European standards and legal requirements. The European aquaculture also depends to a great extent on imports. Therefore, the Committee on Fisheries will debate on measures for the establishment of a sustainable and competitive European aquaculture sector.

To take up these challenges, we also need to optimize the value chain in the EU fishing sector. It is essential to ensure a level playing field and a fair competition all along the supply chain, in order to deliver a “fair price” to producers. This will also be a key debate we have to address within our Committee.

Alain CADEC

ONGOING DOSSIERS

Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Multi-annual plan for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks COM(2017)0097 - C8-0095/2017 2017/0043(COD) PECH/8/09349	Tomasic	COD	23-24/4/2018	MAY II 2018
Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea COM(2017)0774 - C8-0446/2017 2017/0348(COD) PECH/8/11872		COD		
NLE Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session vote
EU/Mauritius Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution 2017-2021. Protocol COM(2017)048 - 2017/0223(NLE) PECH/8/11046	Nicolai	NLE	27/2/2018	APR 2018
Proposal for a Council Decision Denouncing the Partnership Agreement in the fisheries sector between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros, COM(2017)0556 final - 2017/0241(NLE) PECH/8/11185	Ferreira	NLE	27/2/2017	MAR II 2018
Resolution (interim report) Proposal for a Council Decision Denouncing the Partnership Agreement in the fisheries sector between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros, COM(2017)0556 final - 2017/0241(NLE) PECH/8/11185	Ferreira	NLE	27/2/2017	MAR II 2018
Reports adopted in PECH awaiting 1st/2nd reading agreements	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Multi-annual plan for demersal stocks in the North sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks COM(2016)0493 - 2016/0238(COD) PECH/8/07563	Rodust	COD	Trilogue agreement concluded in Dec.17 Vote in PECH: 21-22/3/2018	SEP 2017 MAY 2018
Conservation of fishery resources and protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures COM(2016)0134 final - 2016/0074(COD) PECH/8/06008	Mato	COD	21/11/2017	JAN 2018
Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) COM(2017) 128 final - 2017/0056 (COD) PECH/8/09619	Engström	COD	21/11/2017	JAN 2018

INI Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session vote
Towards sustainable and competitive European Aquaculture sector: current status and future challenges 2017/2118 (INI) PECH/8/10355	Iturgaiz	INI	23-24/4/2018	MAY II 2018
Optimisation of the value chain in the fishing sector 2017/2119 (INI) PECH/8/10357	Aguilera García	INI	23-24/4/2018	MAY II 2018
State of play of recreational fisheries in the EU 2017/2120 (INI) PECH/8/10358	Nicolai	INI	21-22/3/2018	MAY I 2018
Measures for establishing the conformity of fisheries products with access criteria to the EU market (<i>Implementation report</i>) COM(2017)0192 - 2017/2129 (INI) PECH/8/10379	Engström	INI	21-23/3/2018	MAY I 2018
Opinions	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Vote Lead Committee
2016 discharge: EU general budget - Commission COM(2017)0365- C80247/2017-2017/2136(DEC) PECH/8/10608	Cadec	DEC	27/2/2018	CONT 19/3/2018
2016 discharge: European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) COM(2017)0365 C8-0277/2017 - 2017/2166(DEC) PECH/8/10814	Thomas	DEC	27/2/2018	CONT 20/3/2018
EU/Morocco Agreement on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, fish and fishery products COM(2015)0446 final - 2015/0203(NLE) PECH/8/04498	Van Dalen	NLE	TBC	INTA (TBC)
Budget 2019	Cadec	BUD	TBC	BUDG (TBC)

**Note on procedures:*

COD: Ordinary legislative procedure; **CNS:** Consultation; **INI:** Own-Initiative;

NLE: Non-legislative (incl. consent to international agreements); **DEC:** Discharge; **BUD:** Budget

DELEGATED AND IMPLEMENTING ACTS

Procedure	Legal basis	Delegated act	Deadline to object / request an extension
C(2018)227	Regulation (EU) No 2017/86	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° .../... of 22.1.2018 correcting the Greek language version of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/86 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea	22.3.2018

RESEARCH FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT 'B':

REQUESTED:

- *Training of fishers*
- *Landing obligation and choke species in mixed fisheries*
- *Seafood industry integration in the EU (part 2)*
- *Implementation and impact of the key European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) measures on the CFP*
- *The European eel: reproductive biology, migration and sustainable management*
- *The discard ban and the landing obligation in the Western Mediterranean Sea*

PUBLISHED (SINCE 2014):

CFP and fisheries management

- *Sustainable blue growth in the EU and opportunities for small-scale fisheries*
- *The management of the fishing fleets in the outermost regions*
- *Seafood Industry Integration in the EU*
- *Socioeconomic role and environmental impact of recreational, subsistence, small-scale and other fisheries in European Union*
- *Impact of fisheries partnership agreements in the development of employment in the EU and in Third countries*
- *Markets of fisheries and aquaculture products: The added value chain and the role of promotion, labelling and consumer information*
- *The discard ban and its impact on the MSY objective on Fisheries*
- *Options of handling choke species in view of the EU landing obligation - the Baltic plaice example*
- *Social and Economic impact of the penalty point system*
- *A new technical measures framework for the new CFP (Workshop)*
- *The landing obligation and its implications on the control of fisheries*
- *The obligation to land all catches - consequences for the Mediterranean*
- *Future of the "Almadra" sector. Traditional and sustainable tuna fishing methods in the EU*
- *Small scale fisheries and the zero discard target*
- *Best practice on the use of rights based management to reduce discards in mixed fisheries*
- *Infringement procedures and imposed sanctions throughout the EU*
- *Criteria for allocating access to fishing in the EU*
- *Alternative solutions for driftnet fisheries*
- *The conflict between static gear and mobile gear in inshore fisheries*
- *Inland fisheries and the CFP*
- *IUU fishing and sanctions in the EU*
- *Integration in the fisheries industry*
- *Regional ocean governance in Europe: the role of fisheries*
- *Sustainable 'blue growth' in the EU and opportunities for small-scale fisheries*
- *Feasibility of measuring socio-economic and environmental impacts of recreational and semi subsistence fisheries in the EU*
- *Regional ocean governance*
- *Recreational and semi subsistence fishing - its values and its impact on fish stocks and the environment*

Ecologic Impact

- *Sardine fisheries: resource assessment and social and economic situation*
- *Long-term economic and ecologic impact of larger sustainable aquaculture*
- *The impact of oil and gas drilling accidents on EU fisheries*
- *The use of FADs in tuna fisheries*

Stocks

- *Situation of the clam (*Tapes spp*) fisheries sector in the EU*
- *Pelagic fisheries and the canning industry in Outermost Regions*
- *Sea bass stocks and conservation measures in the EU*
- *Characteristics of multi-specific fisheries in the EU*
- *Scientific Advice in Fisheries Management - Introduction to Stock Assessment and Maximum Sustainable Yield Ranges*
- *The management of the fishing fleets in the outermost regions*

Structural Policy and economics

- *Prospects for the development of tourism activities related to fishing*
- *Seafood Industry Integration in the EU*

External dimension

- *Consequences of Brexit for the Common Fisheries Policy*
 - *Legal framework for governance*
 - *Trade and economic related issues*
 - *Resources and fisheries*
- *Fisheries management and the Arctic in the context of climate change*

Mission briefings

- *Fisheries in Madeira (mission 2017)*
- *Fisheries in Thailand (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Norway (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Poland (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Galicia (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Azores / Réunion (missions 2015)*
- *Fisheries in Germany (delegation 2014)*

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FISHERIES NEWS IN BRIEF

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Tackling overfishing – EU push for sustainability shows results (20/02/2018)

Fishing businesses in the Atlantic, North Sea and Baltic Sea are making record profits, thanks to a solid recovery of popular fish stocks like North Sea cod, which were severely depleted just a few years ago. A sign that the EU Common Fisheries Policy's focus on sustainable fishing is paying off – for fishermen and fish stocks alike.

The responsible catch limits proposed by the European Commission **in the Atlantic, the North Sea and the Baltic Sea** have seen overexploitation decline drastically. Today, 53 out of 76 stocks for which data are available are fished sustainably – compared to 44 stocks in 2017 and just 5 stocks in 2009. For stocks managed wholly by the EU, 97% by volume are being fished at sustainable levels.

As a result, fish stocks in these regions have recovered to very healthy levels. Northern hake, for example, has grown from 32,000 tons in 2006 to 265,000 tons today – an increase of more than 700%. Staples like North-Sea cod, which was close to collapse a generation ago, have recently been certified as sustainable and are now back on supermarket shelves.

And fishermen are reaping the benefits of this recovery. In 2015, EU fishing fleets registered record-high net profits of almost 800 million euros. This represents a 60% increase in two years, making fisheries one of the EU's strongest growing sectors. Vastly healthy profit margins ranging from 16% to 47% – depending on the country – are the clearest sign yet that sustainability makes sound business sense.

In contrast to the positive outlook for the Atlantic, North Sea and Baltic Sea, overfishing in the **Mediterranean and the Black Sea** is a continuing source of concern. In 2017, scientists found only 7 of the 60 Mediterranean stocks they assessed to be at healthy levels, while fishing fleets are struggling more than their northern counterparts.

Rapid and sustained progress is now needed in these sea basins as well to deliver on the EU's high level of ambition: under the Common Fisheries Policy, EU stocks have to be fished sustainably by 2020.

The European Commission has therefore made these sea basins a priority for targeted action. Following last year's MedFish4Ever Declaration for the Mediterranean and the Bucharest Declaration for the Black Sea, the Commission is now working with its international partners to translate the political commitments made into tangible next steps. With first results: riparian countries recently agreed a package of measures ranging from the first ever fisheries restricted area in the Adriatic to joint inspection schemes and a management plan for turbot in the Black Sea. Looking ahead, the EU is also planning to adopt a regional plan of action on small-scale fisheries later this year.

Promising outcome of annual negotiations in the Southern Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) (09/02/2018)

The sixth annual meeting of the SPRFMO held in Lima, Peru (30 January - 3 February 2018) resulted in important progress on key issues.

Thanks to the rebuilding plan put in place, the key species Jack Mackerel continues a steady recovery. On the basis of the advice from the Scientific Committee the total allowable catch (TAC) was increased by more than 15 % for 2018. Accordingly, the EU quota in 2018 will

rise to 35,000 tonnes, opening new opportunities for EU fishermen.

Following the establishment of SPRFMO's own Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) last year, the Annual Meeting adopted, on the basis of an EU proposal, a comprehensive set of implementing rules, ensuring a more efficient control of the fleets.

SPRFMO also agreed on a regional observer programme framework which will be further developed at next year's Annual Meeting to make it operational. The organisation also agreed on carrying out its first performance review and it updated its rules of procedure, both based on EU proposals. The organisation adopted a new budget formula which better takes into account the catches by its Members and which allows for a more stable budget planning.

An EU national, Dr Sebastian Rodriguez, was elected as the new Executive Secretary of SPRFMO.

The EU is at present the most important donor to SPRFMO, including the financing of the VMS programme (EUR 100,000) and a commitment to support the regional observer programme when operational (EUR 100,000). The EU will host the next Annual Meeting in The Hague, the Netherlands on 23 - 27 January 2019.

#BlueInvest 2018: An ocean of opportunity with the right backing (08/02/2018)

The European Commission is looking for entrepreneurs active in the blue economy to take part in a high-profile event aimed at matching cutting edge companies with public and private investors. #BlueInvest 2018, the first European event of its kind and hosted by Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, will take place on 17 May in Brussels.

The global blue economy, which covers all activities making use of the ocean's resources – from fisheries, to renewable energy to

biotechnology, is set to grow at twice the rate of the mainstream economy by 2030. For Europe, this could mean 10.8 million jobs and nearly 1 trillion euro in turnover. It could mean cleaner energy, new health benefits, dependable food. But the needs for investment are huge and many innovative companies lack the financial backing to grow and bring their products and services to the marketplace.

The event follows on to the 2017 [Our Ocean](#) conference, where the EU pushed blue growth higher on the international agenda and helped to mobilise the corporate sector. It also dovetails with the priorities set by Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, namely to improve the EU's overall business environment by removing barriers to investment and promoting sustainable finance.

A recovering industry and a valuable source of healthy food – European Commission calls on regions to embrace aquaculture (02/02/2018)

After more than a decade of stagnation, EU aquaculture is finally showing signs of recovery. With 4% growth in volume and 8% in value between 2014 and 2015, and profits exceeding 400 million euro, the sector is generating more value than ever before.

The success is in part due to strong cooperation over the last years between the European Commission and national authorities to remove barriers to growth. As a result, many governments have been taking steps to cut red tape, which clearly has been paying off.

The [#FARMEDintheEU Regions](#) conference organized by the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions showcased some of the success stories of European aquaculture and stressed the need for even greater buy-in from the EU regions.

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund provides 1.2 billion euro exclusively for aquaculture. This money is there to help

farms invest, grow, become more innovative and efficient, and also to help attract more private investment. If investments gather pace and the conditions continue to be supportive of the sector, we could see the 25% growth by 2020 that Member States had aimed for when developing their aquaculture plans in 2014.

The European Commission is ready to collaborate with national and regional authorities to implement the "FARMED in the EU" communication campaign, helping aquaculture professionals to explain their job to schools across Europe.

Bosnia and Herzegovina joins 15 Mediterranean countries under EU strategy for safeguarding Mediterranean fisheries (26/01/2018)

Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) **Mirko Šarović** signed today the *Malta MedFish4Ever Declaration*, a multilateral strategy, proposed by the European Union, for safeguarding the future of the Mediterranean fishermen and coastal communities. Over 300,000 persons are directly employed on fishing vessels in the Mediterranean, whilst many more indirect jobs depend on the sector. This Declaration represents a practical example of EU's neighbourhood policy, and has so far been signed by the European Commission and 15 northern and southern Mediterranean coastline states. The Declaration sets out common objectives for the next ten years, based on ambitious, but realistic targets. The Declaration provides for joint commitment and ownership of the process of cooperation on this major endeavour of returning fisheries to sustainable levels in order to secure jobs and growth across the Mediterranean.

The EU welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina's joining this multilateral strategy, which enables collective actions in recovery and progress on fisheries resources, blue economy, social inclusion and solidarity between the northern and southern shores of the Mediterranean region.

Conservation of marine biological resources: Commission requests Portugal to respect the exclusive competence of the EU under the Common Fisheries Policy (26/01/2018)

The Commission has decided to issue a reasoned opinion to Portugal on account of non-respect of the exclusive internal and external EU's competence for the conservation of marine biological resources.

The EU has an exclusive competence in the area of the conservation of marine biological resources under the common fisheries policy (Article 3 of Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, [TFEU](#)). The powers assigned to the EU on the internal level also give the EU exclusive competence to enter into international undertakings with other States and/or international organisations for the purposes of conserving marine biological resources. The demarches undertaken by Portugal towards the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) are in breach of the exclusive competence of the EU. They have been undertaken in the context of an already on-going process at NEAFC, initiated with the full support of the EU, which aims to prevent significant impacts of bottom fishing activities on vulnerable marine ecosystems. The Commission is of the opinion that such an approach breaches EU law. If Portugal does not reply satisfactorily within two months, the Commission may refer the matter to the Court of Justice of the EU.

New project reinforces fishery control and monitoring in the Black Sea (24/01/2018)

The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) has recently issued a recommendation regarding a multiannual management plan for turbot in the Black Sea (GFCM/41/2017/4).

In order to ensure compliance with the recommendation, a new pilot project has been

launched to prepare the establishment of a voluntary observation and inspection programme before the end of 2019. The project will promote compliance and level playing field, in particular with regard to total allowed catches (TAC) and quotas regime, technical measures, closure periods, fishing effort limits and market related measures.

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Next meeting of the

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19/03/2018

MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCILS

RAC	DATE	PLACE	TYPE	Main issues
PEL AC	1/3/2018	Den Haag	WG1+2	
NS AC	6/3/2018	Gothenburg	NSAC ExCom	
NWW AC	7/3/2018	Madrid	WG1 +2 + 3	
LDAC	7-8/3/2018	Brussels	WG1 + 2 + 4 +5	
NWW AC	8/3/2018	Madrid	ExCom	
ICES	20-28/3/2018	Turku	Assessment WG on baltic salmon and trout	
ICES	24-28/3/2018	Copenhagen	Baltic international fish survey WG	
NS AC	29/3/2018	Hamburg	Saithe Workshop	
PEL AC	12/4/2018	Den Haag	WG1+2	
BSAC	8-9/5/2018	Copenhagen	ExCom, GA	
BSAC	11-12/6/2018	tbc	WG meetings	
NS AC	19-20/6/2018	London	ExCom + GA	
BSAC	28/6/2018	tbc	ExCom	
NWW AC	3-4/7/2018	Ghent	NWW AC meetings	
PEL AC	5/7/2018	tbc	WG1+2	
PEL AC	6/7/2018	tbc	ExCom	
NS AC	11/7/2018	Edinburgh	Demersal WG	
NWW AC	13-14/9/2018	Dublin	NWW AC meetings	
BSAC	6 or 13/11/2018	tbc	ExCom	

Abbreviations:

- NWW AC: North Western Waters Advisory Council ([link](#))
- PEL AC: Pelagic Advisory Council ([link](#))
- NS AC: North Sea Advisory Council ([link](#))
- MED AC: Advisory Council for the Mediterranean ([link](#))
- SWW AC: South Western Waters Advisory Council ([link](#))
- LD AC: Long Distance Fleet Advisory Council ([link](#))
- BS AC: Baltic Sea Advisory Council ([link](#))
- AAC: Aquaculture Advisory Council ([link](#))
- MIRAC: ICES/AC meeting ([link](#))
- **GA**: General Assembly, **ExCom**: Executive Committee, **WG**: Working Group, **FG**: Focus Group

MAIN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

NORWAY/FAROE ISLANDS/COASTAL STATES/NEAFC

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
February 2018			
27-28 Feb	NEAFC	JAGDM	London
March 2018			
6-7 Mar	NEAFC	VME and continental shelf WG meeting	London
April 2018			
24-26 Apr	NEAFC	PECMAC	London
May 2018			
7-8 May	NEAFC/OSPAR	Collective arrangements 2018	London
15-16 May	NEAFC	VME and continental shelf WG meeting	London
June 2018			
5-6 Jun	NEAFC	Ad hoc WG on ERS	London
September 2018			
11-12 Sep	NEAFC	Ad hoc WG on ERS	London
25-27 Sep	NEAFC	PECMAC	London
28 Sep	NEAFC	WG Statistics	London
October 2018			
2-3 Oct	NEAFC	PECMAS	London
November 2018			
13-16 Nov	NEAFC	Annual meeting	London
Nov-Dec	EU-Norway	Consultation on fisheries arrangements for 2019	tbc
December 2018			
December	EU-Faroe Islands	Consultation on fisheries arrangements for 2019	tbc

REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
February 2018			
29 Feb	ICCAT	IYS	London
March 2018			
5-7 Mar	ICCAT	Intersessional meeting PA2	Madrid
6-9 Mar	CCSBT	Strategic Fisheries Management WG	Canberra
April 2018			
9-12 Apr	ICCAT	Intersessional meeting IMM	Madrid
16-18 Apr	UN	BBNJ Intergovernmental conference 1st meeting	New York
May 2018			
2-4 May	OECD	121st COFI meeting	Paris
14-25 May	IOTC	Annual meeting	Thailand
21-23 May	ICCAT	Dialogue scientists managers	tbc

22-23 May	UN	13th round - informal consultations of states parties to the UN fish stocks agreement (ICSP/13)	New York
24-25 May	ICCAT	WG convention amendment	tbc
June 2018			
6-7 Jun	GFCM	High level conference on Black Sea fisheries	Bulgaria
11-14 Jun	UN	28th meeting of state parties	New York
12-15 Jun	NASCO	35th annual meeting	Portland
18-22 Jun	UN	19th informal consultative process on oceans and law of the sea	New York
25-29 Jun	SIOFA	Annual meeting	Thailand
July 2018			
3-5 Jul	NPFC (tbc)	Annual meeting	Japan
9-13 Jul	FAO-COFI	Committee on fisheries 33rd session	Rome
16-20 Jul	ICCAT	Stock assessment BET	Pasaia
16-30 Jul (tbc)	IATTC/AIDCP	Annual meeting	Guatemala
23-25 Jul	ICCAT	Intersessional meeting PA1	Bilbao
tbc	JBSFC	Annual meeting	Russia
September 2018			
4-17 Sep	UN	2nd meeting BBNJ Intergovernmental conference	New York
17-21 Sep	NAFO	Annual meeting	Tallinn
18-19 Sep	ICCAT	Port inspection expert group for capacity and assistance	Madrid
20-21 Sep	ICCAT	Meeting of the online reporting technology working group	Madrid
24-28 Sep	ICCAT	SCRS species working group	Madrid
25-26 Sep	GFCM	High level conference on small scale fisheries	Malta
October 2018			
1-4 Oct	UN	First round: informal consultations on UNGA resolution on "Oceans and the law of the sea"	New York
1-5 Oct	ICCAT	SCRS Plenary	Madrid
11-18 Oct	CCSBT	Compliance committee and annual meeting	Noumea, New Caledonia
22 Oct - 2 Nov	CCAMLR	Annual meeting	Hobart, Australia
22-26 Oct	GFCM	Annual meeting	Bucharest
tbc	AIDCP	2nd Annual meeting	La Jolla, USA
November 2018			
6-13 Nov	UN	Informal consultations on UNGA resolution on "sustainable fisheries"	New York
10-11 Nov	ICCAT	Intersessional meeting compliance committee	Croatia
12-19 Nov	ICCAT	Annual meeting	Croatia

14-20 Nov	UN	Second round: informal consultations on UNGA resolution on “oceans and the law of the sea”	New York
19-21 Nov	OECD	122nd COFI meeting	Paris
26-30 Nov	SEAFO	Annual meeting	tbc
December 2018			
3-7	Sharks MoU	Tri-annual meeting	Monaco
10-14	GFCM	Fisheries forum	tbc
tbc	Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	Annual meeting	Pohnpei, FSM

FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

COUNTRY		EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROTOCOL	Financial Value	NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM) (2017-2018)		NEGOTIATIONS SESSIONS FORECAST 2017		LEGAL PROCESS			COMMENTS
				Date	Location	Date	Location	Estimated date of adoption of proposal for negotiating mandate by the Commission	Estimated date of adoption of negotiating mandate by Council	Estimated date of adoption of Council Decision on signing and provisional application	
Mixed Agreements	Mauritania	15/11/2019	59 125 000 €	Summer /Autumn 2018	Nouakchott						The Protocol entered into provisional application on 16/11/2015. The last JCM took place in September 2017.
	Morocco	14/07/2018	30 million €	tbd	Rabat	Feb / March	tbd	Jan-18	Feb-18	1st half 2018	
	Senegal	19/11/2019	1 738 000 (3rd year)	Apr-2018	Brussels	-	-	-	-	-	
	Guinea Bissau	Dormant since Nov 2017	9 200 000 EUR			tbd	tbd		tbd (depends on the outcome of negotiations)	tbd (depends on the outcome of negotiations)	The current 3-year Protocol expires on 23/11/2017. Negotiations on the new Protocol are ongoing. 4 rounds of negotiations took place, but no final agreemnt reached. Exchange between parties is ongoing. The 5th round to be fixed.
	Greenland	31/12/2020	16 099 978 €, plus 1 700 000 € financial reserve for additional species.	Apr-18	tbd						
WEST AFRICA	Cape-Verde	22/12/2018	550 000 € (years 1+2); 500 000 € (years 3+4)	Apr-18	Cap Verde	Apr-18	alternate	Mars 2018	April 2018	01/12/2018	The current 4-year Protocol expires on 22/12/2018. The Terms of Refrence for the evaluation study has been launched and the contractor will soon start the evaluation, with a view to finish it in February 2018.
	Côte d'Ivoire	30/6/2018	680 000 €	Dec-2017 / Jan-2018	30 Jan - 1st Feb	12-16 Feb	Abidjan			2018	Last Joint Committee took place in Abidjan on 30/11 - 2/12/2016.
	Gabon	Dormant since July 2016	1 350 000 €				Libreville				Resuming of negotiation pending political situation.
	Ghana	No Agreement/ Protocol				1st half 2018	tbd			Depends on the timing and number of negotiation rounds	The ex-ante evaluation was conducted end of 2016 and mandate adopted in March 2017.
	Liberia	8/12/2020	715 000 € (1st year); 650 000 € (2nd, 3rd and 4th years); 585 000 € (5th year)	Spring 2018	Monrovia					Signed on 09/12/2016	The Protocol was signed and entered into provisional application on 9/12/2015.
	Equatorial Guinea	N.A.	N.A.								The ex-ante evaluation was approved end of November 2016.
	São Tomé and Principe	23/05/2018	710000 € (675000 en fin d'application)	10-11 January 2018	Brussels	24 - 26 January	Sao Tomé			May 2018	The current 4-year Protocol expires on 23/05/2018.

COUNTRY		EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROTOCOL	Financial Value	NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM) (2017-2018)		NEGOTIATIONS SESSIONS FORECAST 2017		LEGAL PROCESS			COMMENTS
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INDIAN OCEAN	Comoros	<i>Dormant since December 2016</i>	600 000 €								The current Protocol expired at the end of December 2016. Last Joint Committee was in March 2016. A new Protocol was negotiated and initialled in March 2016, but never provisionally entered into force. The country is identified as non-cooperating country on IUU matters (red card).
	Madagascar	31/12/2018	1 566 250 € (2015 & 2016) 1 487 500 € (2017 & 2018)	Apr-2018 (tbd)	Brussels	March - May 2018	alternate	February-March, 2018	March 2018	01/12/2018	The current 4-year Protocol expires on 31/12/2018. The Terms of Reference for the evaluation study has been launched and the contractor will soon start the evaluation, with a view to finish it in February 2018.
	Mauritius		575 000 €	Jan-2018	tbd					October/ November 2017	New 4 year protocol signed 8/12/2017
	Mozambique	<i>No protocol in force</i>	980 000 €			tbd	tbd				Negotiations for a new Protocol suspended until further notice to enable further reflection by both Parties to narrow divergences. Last Joint Committee Meeting in February 2016. Possible resuming of negotiation to be confirmed.
	Seychelles	17/1/2020	5 350 000 €	31 January - 3 February	SEY						
	Mayotte (Access agreement)	19/05/2020		31 January - 3 February	SEY			/	/		No financial implications for the EU; as access agreement for Seychelles flagged vessels to EU waters.
	Tanzania	<i>No Agreement/ Protocol</i>				tbc	tbc		Adopted on 16 June 2015	Depends on the timing and number of negotiation rounds	This would be a new agreement. A first technical meeting took place in Dar-Es-Salaam 4-6 July 2016. Tanzania did not officially inform COM (partially due to a complex institutional setting) and information available point to various directions but there seems to be an interest in discussing an SFPA with the EU. Date of first round pending confirmation.
	Kenya	<i>No Agreement/ Protocol</i>				tbc	tbd				This will be a new Agreement. A technical meeting took place 20-21 January 2015. Confirmation of interest by Kenya on 21/03/2016, but date to start negotiation not agreed upon yet.
PACIFIC	Cook Islands	13/10/2020	717 500 €	23-24 Jan 2018	Brussels						The current 4-year Protocol is in force since 14/10/2016. Currently the only SFPA in the Pacific.
	Kiribati					Spring 18	tbd				No Protocol in force, which expired on 15/09/2015. 3 rounds of negotiations took place, the last November 2017.

OVERVIEW OF EXISTING IUU PROCEDURES AS REGARDS THIRD COUNTRIES

Source: DG MARE 16/11/2017

Country	Pre-Identification	Pre-Identification Revoked	Identification	Listing	Delisting
Belize	November 2012	N/A	November 2013	March 2014	December 2014
Cambodia	November 2012	N/A	November 2013	March 2014	
Comoros	October 2015	N/A	May 2017	July 2017	
Curaçao	November 2013	February 2017			
Fiji	November 2012	October 2014			
Ghana	November 2013	October 2015			
Kiribati	April 2016				
Korea	November 2013	April 2015			
Liberia	May 2017				
Panama	November 2012	October 2014			
Papua New Guinea	June 2014	October 2015			
Philippines	June 2014	April 2015			
Republic of Guinea	November 2012	N/A	November 2013	March 2014	October 2016
Sierra Leone	April 2016				
Solomon Islands	December 2014	February 2017			
Sri Lanka	November 2012	N/A	October 2014	February 2015	June 2016
St Kitts and Nevis	December 2014				
St Vincent and Grenadines	December 2014	N/A	May 2017	July 2017	
Taiwan	October 2015				
Thailand	April 2015				
Togo	November 2012	October 2014			
Trinidad and Tobago	April 2016				
Tuvalu	December 2014				
Vanuatu	November 2012	October 2014			
Vietnam	October 2017				

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NEXT FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2018

- Wednesday, 21 March, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 21 March, 14:30-18:30
- Thursday, 22 March, 9:00-12:30

- Monday, 23 April, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 24 April, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 24 April, 14:30-18:30

- Monday, 14 May, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday 15 May, 9:00-12:30

- Wednesday, 20 June, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 20 June, 14:30-18:30
- Thursday, 21 June, 9:00-12:30

- Wednesday, 11 July, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 11 July, 14:30-18:30
- Thursday, 12 July, 9:00-12:30

- Wednesday, 29 August, 14:30-18:30

- Monday, 24 September, 15:00-18:30

- Monday, 8 October, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 9 October, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 9 October, 14:30-18:30

- Wednesday, 21 November, 14:30-18:30
- Thursday, 22 November, 9:00-12:30

- Tuesday, 27 November, 9:00-12:30

USEFUL LINKS

- @ EP Committee on Fisheries [link](#)
- @ DG MARE (European Commission) [link](#)
- @ Bulgarian Presidency of the Council [link](#) (1st half of 2018)
- @ Austrian Presidency of the Council [link](#) (2nd half of 2018)
- @ FAO Fishery and Aquaculture [link](#)
- @ ICES International Council for the Exploration of the Sea [link](#)