

**Question for written answer E-007194/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: Provisional application of the EU-Mauritania Fisheries Protocol

It is now more than six months since the provisional application of the Fisheries Protocol between the EU and Mauritania came into force.

How would the Commission assess these first six months of application of this protocol?

Has it met the expectations the Commission had when the agreement was signed?

Why does the Commission believe the sector has made limited use of the licences available to the EU?

What is the total number of boats fishing as a result of the provisional application of the protocol, and how does this total number break down by vessel, country and fishing category?

What was the exact amount of the financial contribution paid by the EU under the terms of the protocol and when was it paid?