

**Question for written answer E-003336/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Gibraltar's bluefin tuna quota

I have been informed that the bluefin tuna season in the territorial waters of Gibraltar started on 21 June 2021, with a total allowable catch of 19.81 tonnes set by the Government of Gibraltar. The season will remain open until 14 October or until the quota is reached. The total allowable catch has increased considerably from 15.5 tonnes in 2019. Last year, the Government of Gibraltar increased the quota for the bluefin tuna season from the initial quantity of 16.74 tonnes to 19.81 tonnes during the season.

In view of the above:

1. Under which agreement has the Government of Gibraltar been granted this bluefin tuna quota? Will this quota be deducted from the EU's quota? Is there any agreement that includes the territorial waters of Gibraltar for the sustainable exploitation of shared fisheries resources, as provided for in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea?
2. Can the Commission provide details of the scientific reports on which Gibraltar bases its decision to fix total allowable catches for bluefin tuna and the dates of its fishing season?