

**Question for written answer E-001048/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Support for fisheries in the outermost regions

In order to meet its obligations under the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Autonomous Region of the Azores has brought forward the date by which to achieve the target of protecting 30% of marine areas: to 2024 from 2030.

Fishers and fishing industry organisations in the Azores have raised concerns about the lack of support for the sector, which is set to face further curbs on its activity. More so than anyone else, fishers have an interest in restoring, enhancing and conserving marine biodiversity, but they say that bringing forward deadlines before the necessary framework is in place could jeopardise attainment of the goals. Besides, support to enable the fisheries sector to keep working is needed now, not later.

What support can be channelled towards the fisheries sector in this outermost region to compensate fishers for any constraints on their activity that may result from these protected areas being set up?

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