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TOP NEWS – MAY 2017

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Tuesday, 30 May, 15:00-18:30

Room: Altiero Spinelli (3E 2)

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Presentation of a draft report on the conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures
- ▶ Adoption of the INI report on the role of fisheries-related tourism in the diversification of fisheries
- ▶ Adoption of the opinion on international ocean governance
- ▶ Discussion of the amendments to the North Sea multi-annual plan

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Agenda

Next Fisheries Committee meeting:

21/22 June 2017

Next hearings:

“Consumption of fish in Europe: new forms of food education”

21 June 2017, 15.00 - 17.00

“The role of advisory councils in the new regionalised CFP”

12 July 2017, 15.00 - 17.00

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



Alain CADEC
Chair of Committee on Fisheries

Dear Colleagues,

Dear Friends,

At our next committee meeting, we will have an exchange of views on the new framework of technical measures (Rapporteur: Gabriel Mato) and on the multiannual management plan for the North Sea (Rapporteure: Ulrike Rodust). As part of these parallel discussions, we must strive to coordinate these two frameworks.

An important issue are the joint regionalised technical measures defined in the annexes of Gabriel Mato's report with the specific technical measures defined in each management plan. Is it necessary to rely solely on the general framework or establish a specific framework within each management plan? As such, Article 8 of the Baltic Sea Management Plan establishes a clear framework directly in the plan to achieve its objectives. The Commission's proposal for the North Sea does not repeat such a provision and proposes a smaller approach.

There is also the question of the role of the European Commission in the process of regionalisation. I consider that the Commission should be able to develop technical measures on its own initiative in the absence of joint recommendations from the Member States. Regionalisation is an excellent instrument, but it is not sufficient and it should not lead to a restriction of the Commission's and the legislator's flexibility. It will of course be up to our Committee to decide on these points.

Alain CADEC

ONGOING DOSSIERS

Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Conservation of fishery resources and protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures 2016/0074(COD)	Mato	COD	12-13/07/2017	SEP 2017
Multi-annual plan for demersal stocks in the North sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks 2016/0238(COD)	Rodust	COD	21-22/06/2017	OCT II 2017
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	20-21/11/2017	TBC
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	Engstrom	COD	20-21/11/2017	TBC
The role of fisheries-related tourism in the diversification of fisheries 2016/2035(INI)	Briano	INI	30/5/2017	JUL 2017
Status of fish stocks and socio-economic situation of the fishing sector in the Mediterranean 2016/2079 (INI)	Affronte	INI	25/04/2017	JUN 2017
Reports adopted in PECH awaiting 1st/2nd reading agreements	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Sustainable management of external fishing fleets 2015/0289(COD)	Engström	COD	05/12/2016	TBC
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area 2016/0187(COD)	Mato	COD	25/04/2017	SEP 2017
Opinions	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Vote Lead Committee
EU/Morocco Agreement: protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products and amending the EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement 2015/0203(NLE)	Van Dalen	NLE	12-13/07/2017	INTA (tbc)
International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans in the context of the 2030 SDGs 2017/2055(INI)	Wał sa	INI	30/05/2017	ENVI (28/09/2017)

Budget 2018 + Budgetary amendments PECH/8/09497 2017/2044(BUD)	Cadec	BUD	30/08/2017	BUDG (17/11/2017)
Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020 PECH/8/09711 2017/2052 (INI)	Aguilera	BUD	25/09/2017	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(2017) 3419 final	Regulation No 1380/2013 Articles 15(6) and 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 24.5.2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) n° 1395/2014 establishing a discard plan for certain small pelagic fisheries and fisheries for industrial purposes in the North Sea	24.07.2017
C(2017)01249 final	Regulation No 1380/2013 - Articles 11(2) and 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 2.3.2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/117 establishing fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the Baltic Sea and repealing Regulation (EU) 2015/1778	02.07.2017
C(2017)1162 final	Regulation No 1380/2013 - Articles 11(2) and 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 24.2.2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118 establishing fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the North Sea	24.06.2017
C(2017)2358 final	Regulation No 1380/2013 - Article 15(2)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 18.4.2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/98 on the implementation of the Union's international obligations under the International Convention for the Conservation of the Atlantic Tunas and the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries ((2017)	18.06.2017

RESEARCH FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT 'B':

REQUESTED:

- **Regional ocean governance in Europe: the role of fisheries**
- **Fleet management in outermost regions**
- **Recreational and semi subsistence fishing - its value and its impact on fish stocks and the environment**
- **Consequences of Brexit for the Common Fisheries Policy**
 - **Legal framework for governance**
 - **Trade and economic related issues**
 - **Resources and fisheries**
- **Training of fishers**
- **Landing obligation and choke species in mixed fisheries**

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 "Almadraba" 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*

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

- *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 PARLIAMENT

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EU's farthest-flung fisheries need funding, say MEPs

(27/04/2017)

Young fishermen and fish farmers in the EU's outermost regions need financial help and incentives, including money for new boats, said Parliament on Thursday.

The non-legislative resolution was passed by 428 votes to 64, with 118 abstentions. An amendment to allow EU and national funding to renew the OR fleet was passed by 358 votes to 240, with 16 abstentions.

Commenting on the resolution and the amendment, rapporteur Ulrike Rodust (S&D, DE) said "I have tried to work out the best proposals for a possible solution. And I deplore the fact that the amendment has raised hopes which in my opinion cannot be fulfilled. This result does not correspond to the coherence of the Common Fisheries Policy and the European Maritime Fisheries Fund, respectively, and I doubt that it will pass legal scrutiny. Emphasis should be put on the aim of the Common Fisheries Policy to reach sustainable stocks and fisheries".

EU and national funding to renew fleet

The renewal funding amendment calls on the Commission to "allow the funding (at EU or national level) of the ORs' artisanal and traditional fishing vessels which land all their catches in ports in the ORs and contribute to local sustainable development, so as to increase human safety, comply with European hygiene standards, fight illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and achieve greater environmental efficiency".

MEPs nonetheless stipulated that "this fishing fleet renewal must remain within the limits of authorised capacity ceilings, must be restricted to the replacement of an old vessel by a new one, and must allow sustainable fishing and reaching the Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) objective".

New financial instrument for OR fisheries

MEPs ask the Commission "to look into the possibility of establishing, as soon as possible, an instrument specifically dedicated to supporting fisheries in the outermost regions, along the lines of the POSEI scheme for agriculture".

Programmes of Options Specifically Relating to Remoteness and Insularity (POSEI), governed by POSEI Regulation No 228/2013, include specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions, such as production and import subsidies.

Atlantic tuna: ICCAT recommendations to be transposed to EU law

(25/04/2017)

The proposal to transpose the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) recommendations to EU law was approved by Fisheries committee on Tuesday. MEPs ask to apply the new law also to third country vessels operating in EU waters and add a special provision for swordfish and tuna quotas and small-scale fishing.

The objective of the proposal is to transpose into EU law the conservation, control and enforcement measures adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) in the Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas. The aim of the proposal is to transpose 28 ICCAT recommendations.

The new regulation would apply to Union fishing vessels which operate in the ICCAT Convention Area and, in the case of transshipments, also outside the ICCAT Convention area if they transship species caught in that area. It would also apply to third country vessels which are inspected in member states ports and which carry ICCAT species or fish products originating from such species.

MEPs ask to extend the scope of the regulation by applying it to "third country fishing vessels and vessels engaged in recreational fisheries which operate in Union waters".

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Next meeting:

[Agriculture and Fisheries Council](#)

(12/06/2017)

Conservation of fisheries through technical measures: deal on Council negotiating position

(11/05/2017)

On 11 May 2017 the Agriculture and Fisheries Council agreed its position on a proposal for new rules on the conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems, often referred to as "technical measures".

The Council's position builds on a Commission proposal that aims at modernising the existing rules on how and where fishermen may fish. These cover the taking and landing of fisheries resources, the specifications and operation of fishing gear, and measures to mitigate their impact on sensitive species or areas.

"Until now European fishermen have had to respect more than 30 different regulations", said Roderick Galdes, Maltese Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries, and Animal rights, "an overly difficult and burdensome legislative framework. We want to make their life easier, guarantee legal certainty and focus on innovation. Better and clearer rules will help protect our seas and the sustainability of our fishery resources. And most of all, the Council position empowers the fishing community by giving it more direct say in the decision-making process".

The Council's position on technical measures further improves the coherence of the Commission proposal with existing EU law and enhances two key elements: simplification and regionalisation. In particular the text streamlines the procedure for regional cooperation and strengthens the role of member states' joint recommendations, in line with the reformed Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).

The Council general approach also strikes a balance between the current rules allowing for lawful fisheries' practices, which may be maintained in order to guarantee business continuity, and the need to provide for viable and innovative solutions in the future.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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European Commission adopts action plan to improve in Estonian fisheries control system

(10/05/2017)

The European Commission has adopted an action plan setting out how Estonia can overcome identified shortcomings in its fisheries control system, following an audit programme on data management and control system in Estonian in 2015 and 2016.

This closely follows the plans recently adopted for Germany and Belgium. The measures and timeline of implementation were agreed together with the Estonian authorities, in line with the procedure set out in Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 on fisheries control.

Under the action plan, Estonia will work to improve data management; principally ensuring that catch data are comprehensively collected within the required time limits, validated, cross-checked, exchanged with other countries and applied to ensure effective monitoring and reporting of quota uptake. In addition, Estonia will improve the coordination between the relevant authorities involved in the control of marketing standards and traceability, and ensure that an effective risk-based analysis is applied to ensure inspections are targeted effectively.

Action plans are an effective way to enforce the Common Fisheries Policy in a spirit of cooperation and dialogue. With their clear timeframes, benchmarks and reporting deadlines, they allow the Commission to follow up on the implementation and the progress made, and have been shown to obtain good results; as proven, for example, by the closed action plan with Latvia and the ongoing plan with Finland. They help to ensure that Member States have set up appropriate administrative and technical structures and systems to ensure monitoring, control and enforcement of the Common Fisheries Policy rules and thereby contribute to the sustainability of fisheries.

MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCILS

RAC	DATE	PLACE	TYPE	Main issues
BS AC	11/05/2017	Stockholm	ExCom+GA	
BS AC	7-8/06/2017	Klaipeda, LT (TBC)	Joint Working Group	ICES advice for the Baltic fishery in 2018
NSAC	13-14/06/2017	Paris	Executive Committee + General Assembly	
NWW AC	04/07/2017	Edinburgh	NWWAC meetings - ICES advice- Working Groups and Executive Committee	
PEL AC	11/07/2017	Den Haag	WG I and II	
PEL AC	12/07/2017	Den Haag	ExCom	
NSAC	13/07/2017		Demersal Working Group	
NWW AC	14/09/2017	Dublin	NWWAC General Assembly and AGM, Focus Groups and Executive Committee	

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](#))
- A AC: 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/COASTAL STATES/NEAFC/RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
June 2017			
6-7	NEAFC	Ad hoc working group on framework for negotiations	London
8-9	NEAFC	Ad-hoc working group on allocation criteria	London
13-15	EU-Norway	Joint Operational Seminar (control)	Gothenburg, Sweden
21-22	EU-Faroe Islands	Consultations on conservation measures, technical conditions and licensing issues	Faroe Islands
September 2017			
5-6	EU-Norway	Consultations on technical measures in Skagerrak	Gothenburg, Sweden
Poss. 7 Sept	EU-Norway	Consultations on Long Term Management Strategies	Gothenburg, Sweden
6-7	NEAFC	Working group deep-sea stocks	London
12-13	NEAFC	Ad hoc working group on allocation criteria	London
26-28	NEAFC	Permanent Committee on Monitoring and Compliance (PECMAC)	London
October 2017			
3-4	NEAFC	Permanent Committee on Management and Science (PECMAS)	London
5-6	Coastal States	Consultations on redfish (Irminger Sea and ICES I&II) - PROVISIONAL	London
10-12	Coastal States	Coastal State consultations on Mackerel	London
16-20	Coastal States	Consultations on blue whiting / atlanto scandian herring - PROVISIONAL	London
23-27	Coastal States	Consultations on blue whiting / atlanto scandian herring – POSSIBLE	London
30 Oct-3 Nov	Coastal States	Consultations on blue whiting / atlanto scandian herring - POSSIBLE	London
November 2017			
13-17	NEAFC	Annual meeting	London
21-22	EU-Norway	Consultations on Fisheries Arrangements for 2018 (1st	Norway (TBC)

		round)	
28 Nov–1 Dec	EU-Norway	Consultations on Fisheries Arrangements for 2018 (2nd round)	EU (TBC)
December			
5-6 Dec	EU-Faroe Islands	Consultations on Fisheries Arrangements for 2018	Faroe Islands (TBC)

REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
June 2017			
5-9	NASCO	West Greenland Commission + Annual meeting	Sweden - Falkenberg
23-30	SIOFA	Annual meeting + CoC 5this mission could be extended 1 or 2 days to address Indian Ocean Strategy)	Mauritius
26	ICCAT	Meeting of the Working Group on Convention amendment	Madrid
27-28	ICCAT	Meeting of the Ad Hoc WG on the Second Performance review	Madrid
29-30	ICCAT	Meeting of the standing WG on Dialogue between fisheries managers and scientists	Madrid
July 2017			
17-28	Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and AIDCP	Annual Meeting	Vanuatu (tbc)
TBC	International Seabed Authority (ISBA)	Annual Meeting	Jamaica
September 2017			
4-8	FAO	16th FAO-COFI Subcommittee on Fish Trade	Busan (South Korea)
18-22	NAFO	Annual meeting	Montreal
October 2017			
5-12	Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)	Annual meeting	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
16-20	GFCM	Annual meeting	Montenegro
17-27	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)	Annual meeting	Hobart, Australia
22-28	Convention on the conservation of migratory	12th Conference of the Parties (CMS)	

	species of wild animals		
November 2017			
13-21	ICCAT	Annual Meeting	Marrakech, Morocco
TBC	Bering Sea Convention	Annual meeting	Virtual
TBC	OECD	COFI	TBC
26-30	South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)	Annual meeting	Namibia
December 2017			
TBC	Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	Annual meeting	
2018			
January 2018			
26 Jan-4 Feb	SPRFMO	Annual meeting	Lima, Peru

FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

COUNTRY	EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROTOCOL	Financial Value	NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (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			
Mixed Agreements	Mauritania	15 November 2019	59 125 000 €	July 2017 (tbc)	Brussels (tbc)				The Protocol was signed and entered into provisional application on 16/11/2015. Last extraordinary JCM on 15-17 November 2016.		
	Morocco	14 July 2018	30 million €	OCT 2017	Bruxelles	2nd half	alternate	Jun-17	Jul-17		
	Senegal	19/11/2019	1 738 000 (3rd year)	April 2018 but see comments	Brussels	-	-	-	-	Extraordinary JC possible in 2017 if enough progress in sectoral support; 2nd joint scientific meeting postponed till October 2017.	
	Guinea Bissau	23 November 2017	9 200 000 €	May-17		8-11 May 2017	Bissau	24/07/2017	adopted February 2017	The current Protocol expires 23/11/2017. The 1st round of negotiation on a new Protocol took place in March 2017. The 2nd round is scheduled for 8-11 May 2017. Both sides aim to conclude negotiations before the end of May, and thus have enough time for legislative procedures to allow the new Protocol to provisionally enter into force (before 23 November 2017).	
	Greenland	31 December 2020	16 099 978 €, plus 1 700 000 € financial reserve for additional species.	26-28 April 2017	Nuuk (Greenland)					A new Protocol entered in force on 1 January 2016. November 2016 JCM focused on the setting of fishing opportunities and April 2017 JCM will focus on sectoral support.	
WEST AFRICA	Cape-Verde	22 December 2018	550 000 € (years 1+2); 500 000 € (years 3+4)	June 2017 (tbc)	Brussels (tbc)					New protocol was signed and entered into provisional application on 23/12/2014. Last Joint Committee meeting took place on 11-13 May 2016.	
	Côte d'Ivoire	30 June 2018	680 000 €	DEC 2017/JAN 2018	Bruxelles	4th Quarter	alternate	July	September	Last Joint Committee took place in Abidjan on 30/11 - 2/12/2016.	
	Gabon	23 July 2016	1 350 000 €	spring 2017 post expiry (TBC)			spring 2017 (TBC)	Libreville		Reviewing on negotiation pending political situation.	
	Ghana	No Agreement/Protocol					1st half 2017 (TBC)	TBC	January	The ex-ante evaluation was approved on the end of September 2016. ISC closed in December 2016. Next steps: 1) requesting a mandate from the Council (pending), 2) starting negotiations.	
	Liberia	8 December 2020	715 000 € (1st year); 650 000 € (2nd, 3rd and 4th years); 585 000 € (5th year)	7-9 June (tbc)	Brussels					The Protocol was signed and entered into provisional application on 9/12/2015. It was approved by the EP on the 10th of April of 2016. Last JCM in May 2016.	
	Equatorial Guinea	N.A.	N.A.							The ex-ante evaluation was approved on the end of November 2016. ISC launched 22nd December.	
São Tomé and Príncipe	23/05/2018	710000 € (675000 en fin d'application)	September/ October 2017 (tbc)	Brussels (tbc)	4th quarter 2017			July/ 2017	September_2017	Last Joint Committee meeting took place in October 2016. Ex-ante/ ex-post evaluation study was launched in April. The study to be concluded in July. The mandate by the Council for negotiating the new Protocol should be obtained in September, and then negotiations to be launched without delay, so that there is no interruption of fishing activities (the current Protocol expires 23/05/2018).	
INDIAN OCEAN	Comoros	31 December 2016	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 pre-identifies as non-cooperating country on te IUU matters (yellow card).	
	Madagascar	31 December 2018	1 566 250 € (2015 & 2016) 1 487 500 € (2017 & 2018)	3-6 April 2017	Madagascar					Last Joint Committee meeting took place in April 2017. Ex-ante/ ex-post evaluation study to be launched in July. The Protocol expires at the end of 2018.	
	Mauritius		575 000 €							New 4 year protocol initialled on 26 April 2017, to start to be applied provisionally after the completion of adoption procedures.	
	Mozambique	No protocol in force	980 000 €				Early 2017 (TBC)	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 January 2020	5 350 000 €	Early 2017	Brussels						
	Mayotte (Access agreement)	19/05/2020		Early 2017	Brussels			/	/	no financial implications for the EU; as access agreement for Seychelles flagged vessels to EU waters	
	Tanzania	No Agreement/Protocol					Q3 2017 (tbc)	Brussels (TBC)		Adopted on 16 June 2015	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	No Agreement/Protocol					Q3 2017 (tbc)	Brussels (TBC)			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 €	November/ December 2017	tbc					The Agreement and the Protocol are in force since 14 October 2016. 1st Joint committee meeting took place on 28-30 November 2016.	

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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GODDYN Sylvie	FR	ENF	GIRLING Julie	GB	ECR
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ITURGAIZ Carlos	ES	EPP	HOC Czesław	PL	ECR
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NEXT FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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- Wednesday, 21 June, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 21 June, 15:00-18:30
- Thursday, 22 June, 9:00-12:30

- Wednesday, 12 July, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 12 July, 15:00-18:30
- Thursday, 13 July, 9:00-12:30

- Wednesday, 30 August, 14.00-17:30

- Monday, 4 September, 15:00-18:30

- Monday, 25 September, 15:00-18:30

- Monday, 9 October, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 10 October, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 10 October, 15:00-18:30

- Monday, 20 November, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 21 November, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 21 November, 15:00-18:30

- Tuesday, 28 November, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 28 November, 15:00-18:30

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- @ FAO Fishery and Aquaculture [link](#)
- @ ICES International Council for the Exploration of the Sea [link](#)