

Procedure file

Basic information		
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EC/Madagascar fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 21 May 1998 to 20 May 2001		
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Geographical area Madagascar		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		19/03/1998
		UPE GALLAGHER Pat the Cope	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		18/05/1998
	DEVE Development and Cooperation	PSE JÖNS Karin	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Youth	2139	26/11/1998
	Fisheries	2125	22/10/1998

Key events			
25/06/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0390	Summary
20/07/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
20/07/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0282/1998	
14/09/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/09/1998	Debate in Parliament		
18/09/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0532/1998	Summary
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26/11/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		

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Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/0217(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/10357

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0390	25/06/1998	EC	Summary
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Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Regulation 1998/2585](#)
[OJ L 324 02.12.1998, p. 0014](#) Summary

EC/Madagascar fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 21 May 1998 to 20 May 2001

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a new protocol on fisheries between the Community and Madagascar for the period 21 May 1998 to 20 May 2001.

SUBSTANCE: The protocol, which was initialled by both parties on 5 March 1998, allows Community vessels to obtain a licence to fish in Madagascar waters on payment of annual fees (ECU 20 per tonne caught). These licences are granted according to category of vessel and on completion of specific administrative formalities laid down in the fisheries agreement for 45 freezer tuna seiners and 30 surface longliners. At the request of the Community, authorisation may be granted for other categories of fishing vessel under conditions to be laid down in the joint committee set up by the Agreement. Community shipowners must declare their catches and take Malagasy observers and seamen on board. In compensation for these fishing opportunities, the Community will grant financial compensation to Madagascar of ECU 912 000 for the duration of the protocol, to cover an annual catch of 9 500 tonnes of tuna. Above this amount, financial compensation will increase by ECU 50 per additional tonne. The Community will also finance a number of measures in connection with fisheries, such as a scientific and technical programme to improve knowledge of fisheries resources in the country, study grants for Malagasy nationals, assistance towards fisheries surveillance, assistance in the development of traditional fisheries, etc., for a total amount of ECU 1 368 000 for the three years in which the protocol is valid. The fishing opportunities opened up by the agreement are allocated among the Member States as follows: 42 vessels for Spain, 26 vessels for France, 3 vessels for Italy and 4 vessels for Portugal. If these vessels do not exhaust all the fishing opportunities, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State. ?

EC/Madagascar fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 21 May 1998 to 20 May 2001

The draft report by Mr Pat the Cope GALLAGHER (UPE, Ir) was adopted.?

EC/Madagascar fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 21 May 1998 to 20 May 2001

Adopting the report by Mr Pat the Cope GALLAGHER (UPE, Irl.), the European Parliament approved the fifth EC-Madagascar fisheries

protocol. Parliament asked the Commission to submit a report during the final year of validity of the protocol, and before any negotiations on renewing it begin, on the application and procedure for implementing the agreement, in particular on the situation as regards fishery resources, the financial aspects and the effect on local fisheries. It also suggested that, prior to the conclusion of a new protocol, the Commission should inform the European Parliament on the progress of the negotiations for renewal, so that Parliament can adopt recommendations on the basis of the Commission's final report so that they can be taken into account in the negotiations under way.?

EC/Madagascar fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 21 May 1998 to 20 May 2001

OBJECTIVE: to conclude a new fisheries protocol between the Community and Madagascar for the period from 21 May 1998 to 20 May 2001. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Regulation (EC) no. 2585/98 on the conclusion of a Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the agreement between the European Community and Madagascar on fishing off the coast of Madagascar for the period from 21 May 1998 to 20 May 2001. **CONTENTS:** The fisheries protocol adopted allows Community vessels to obtain a licence to fish in Madagascar waters on payment of an annual fee (EUR 20/tonne caught) for a licence. These licences are granted according to category of vessel and on completion of specific administrative formalities laid down in the fisheries agreement for: - 45 freezer tuna seiners, - 30 surface longliners. At the request of the Community, authorisation may be granted for other categories of fishing vessel under conditions to be laid down in the joint committee set up by the Agreement. Community shipowners must declare their catches and take Malagasy observers and seamen on board. In compensation for these fishing opportunities, the Community will grant financial compensation to Madagascar of EUR 912 000 for the duration of the protocol, to cover an annual catch of 9 500 tonnes of tuna. Above this amount, financial compensation will increase by EUR 50 per additional tonne. The Community will also finance a number of measures in connection with fisheries, such as scientific and technical programmes to improve knowledge of fisheries resources in the country, study grants for Malagasy nationals, assistance towards fisheries surveillance, assistance in the development of traditional fisheries etc., for a total amount of EUR 1 368 000 for the three years in which the protocol is valid. The fishing opportunities opened up by the agreement are allocated among the Member States as follows: 42 vessels for Spain, 26 vessels for France, 3 vessels for Italy and 4 vessels for Portugal. If these vessels do not exhaust all the fishing opportunities, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications for any other Member State. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** the Regulation will enter into force on 5 December 1998 and the fisheries protocol will enter into force once all the necessary procedures have been completed.?