

Procedure file

Basic information	
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EC/Sao Tomé e Príncipe fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st June 1999 to 31 May 2002	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		27/07/1999
		PPE-DE VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA Daniel	
European Parliament	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		07/12/1999
		PSE DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara	
European Parliament	DEVE Development and Cooperation		
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2240	14/02/2000
European Commission	Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	Commissioner	

Key events			
03/11/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0550	Summary
13/12/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/12/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
17/12/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0106/1999	
18/01/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0004/2000	Summary
14/02/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
14/02/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/12271

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1999)0550 OJ C 056 29.02.2000, p. 0009 E	03/11/1999	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0106/1999 OJ C 304 24.10.2000, p. 0007	17/12/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0004/2000 OJ C 304 24.10.2000, p. 0020-0053	18/01/2000	EP	Summary
Implementing legislative act		32000D0092 OJ L 028 03.02.2000, p. 0040	24/01/2000	EU	

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 2000/428 OJ L 054 26.02.2000, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Sao Tomé e Príncipe fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st June 1999 to 31 May 2002

PURPOSE: the conclusion of the Protocol setting out for the period 01.06.1999 to 31.05.2002 the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome e Principe on fishing off the coast of Sao Tome and Principe. **CONTENT:** The Protocol to the Fisheries Agreement between the European Community and Sao Tome e Principe expired on 31.05.1999. A new Protocol fixing the technical and financial conditions governing the fishing activities of Community vessels in the waters of Sao Tome e Principe during the period 01.06.1999 to 31.05.2002 was initialled by both parties on 31.05.1999. The fishing opportunities fixed in the Protocol shall be allocated among the Member States as follows: - freezer tuna seiners: France 18, Spain 18; - pole-and-line tuna vessels: France 7; - surface longliners: Spain 28, Portugal 5. If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State. The financial compensation shall be EUR 318 750 per year, payable not later than 31 October 1999 for the first instalment and not later than 31 May 2000 and 31 May 2001 for the other two instalments. That amount shall cover an annual catch of 8 500 tonnes in Sao Tome e Principe waters. If the average catch exceeds this quantity, the amount of financial compensation shall be increased by EUR 50 per additional tonne. During the period covered by the Protocol, the Community shall contribute an additional EUR 956 250 to financing the following measures: - scientific and technical programmes to promote better understanding of fisheries and living resources (EUR 286 875); - stepping up surveillance, inspection and checks in the fishing zones (EUR 286 875); - institutional support to the administrative department responsible for fisheries (EUR 114 750); - study grants and practical training courses in the various scientific, technical and economic fields linked to fishing; Sao Tome e Principe's contributions to international fisheries organisations and expenses of Sao Tome e Principe delegates participating in international meetings concerning fisheries (EUR 191 250); - aid for small-scale fishing (EUR 76 500). The Commission proposes, on this basis, that the Council adopt by Regulation the conclusion of the new Protocol. A draft Council Decision on the provisional application of the new Protocol, pending its definitive entry into force, is subject to a separate procedure.?

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The committee adopted the report (consultation procedure) by Daniel VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA (EPP/ED, E) approving the Commission proposal on the Protocol relating to the EC/São Tomé e Príncipe fishing agreement. The committee felt that the new fisheries protocol offered advantages for both the contracting parties, ensuring the smooth passage of European vessels in sea areas adjacent to those belonging to countries with which the EU had already signed fisheries agreements and contributing to the development of an important sector in the economy of a small country which was nevertheless seeking to diversify. The committee also welcomed the statement in the annex to the protocol concerning ICCAT standards on tuna fishing, which thereby underlined the EU's commitment as regards respect for international fishing standards. The report pointed out that Parliament was not in a position to assess whether the Commission had succeeded in imposing its requirements with regard to the use of financial compensation, as that information had not been provided. However, as the Commission had provided the information necessary to gain an impression of the use of the previous protocol as regards the actual use of fishing opportunities and the commercial aspects of fishing off São Tomé e Príncipe, the committee had been able to make a comparative study and took the view that it could endorse the new protocol.

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In adopting the report by Mr Varela Suanzes-Carpegna (EPP/ED, Sp), the European Parliament approves the proposal for a Council regulation on the conclusion of the Fisheries Agreement with Sao Tomé. (Procedure without debate)?

EC/Sao Tomé e Príncipe fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st June 1999 to 31 May 2002

PURPOSE : to conclude a new fishing Protocol between the Community and Sao Tome e Principe for the period 01.06.1999 to 31.05.2002.
COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 428/2000/EC on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out for the period 01.06.1999 to 31.05.2002 the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome e Principe of fishing off the coast of Sao Tome e Principe. **CONTENT :** the fishing opportunities offered in this Protocol shall be allocated among the Member States as follows: - freezer tuna seiners: France 18, Spain 18; - pole-and-line tuna vessels: France 7; - surface longliners: Spain 28, Portugal 5. If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State. The financial compensation shall be EUR 318 750 per year covering an annual catch of 8 500 tonnes in Sao Tome e Principe waters. If the average catch exceeds this quantity, the amount of the financial compensation shall be increased by EUR 50 per additional tonne. During the period covered by the Protocol, the Community shall contribute an additional EUR 956 250 to financing the following measures: - scientific and technological programmes to promote better understanding of fisheries and living resources (EUR 286 875); - stepping up surveillance, inspection and checks in the fishing zones (EUR 286 875); - institutional support to the administrative department responsible for fisheries (EUR 114 750); - study grants and practical training courses in the various scientific, technical and economic fields linked to fishing; Sao Tome e Principe's to international fisheries organisations and expenses of Sao Tome e Principe delegates participating in international meetings concerning fisheries (EUR 191 250); - aid for small-scale fishing (EUR 76 500). An annual report will be transmitted to the Community from the Minister in charge of Fishing in these countries on the implementation of these various actions. The terms for the granting of licences and obligations on Community vessels which operate in the Sao Tome e Principe fishing zone (in particular : the conditions relating to the granting of yearly licences of which the amount is fixed at EUR 25 per tonne, declarations of catches indicated in a fishing logbook, provisions relating to the inspection and control on vessels, obligations relating to embarkation of observers and sailors, delineation of the fishing zones, standards to be respected concerning the signalling of the position of the fishing vessels and by-catches, and procedures to follow in case of boarding) are specified in an annex to the Protocol. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** this Regulation enters into force on 29.02.2000. The Protocol shall enter into force as soon as the necessary notifications have been completed.?