

Fiche de procédure

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2002/0162(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Sao Tomé and Príncipe fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st June 2002 to 31 May 2005		
Subject 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries		
Geographical area Sao Tome and Principe		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		19/06/2002
		PSE LAGE Carlos	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		12/09/2002
		PSE DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara	
Council of the European Union	DEVE Development and Cooperation	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Environment	2473	09/12/2002
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
15/07/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0398	Summary
05/09/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/10/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
21/10/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0361/2002	
20/11/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0545/2002	Summary
09/12/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
09/12/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		

28/12/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	2002/0162(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/16503

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2002)0398 OJ C 262 29.10.2002, p. 0511 E	15/07/2002	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0361/2002	21/10/2002	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0545/2002 OJ C 025 29.01.2004, p. 0025-0177 E	20/11/2002	EP	Summary
Implementing legislative act		32002D1007 OJ L 351 28.12.2002, p. 0078-0089	09/12/2002	EU	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 2002/2348 OJ L 351 28.12.2002, p. 0012-0023 Summary

EC/Sao Tomé and Príncipe fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st June 2002 to 31 May 2005

PURPOSE : to approve the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution in the Agreement between the EC and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe on fishing off the coast of Sao Tome and Principe. **CONTENT** : The existing Protocol expired on 31 May 2002. A new Protocol was initialled by both parties on 14 February 2002 fixing the financial and technical conditions governing the fishing activities of the Community vessels in Sao Tome and Principe waters for the period from 1 June 2002 to 31 May 2005. Fishing opportunities are as follows: -freezer tuna seiners : 36 vessels. -pole-and-line tuna vessels: 2 vessels. -surface longliners: 25 vessels. The financial contribution is fixed at EUR 925 000 in the first year, EUR 637 000 in the second year, and EUR 382 000 in the third year. These sums are comprised of financial compensation as well as finances for measures relating to scientific and technical programmes and surveillance. In the first year, the Community will also provide EUR 50 000 for an evaluation study on deep-water crab. For deep water fishing vessels targeting crab, provision will be made for a 12-month period of experimental fishing. During this period, three vessels under 250 GRT may fish simultaneously in Sao Tome and Principe's exclusive economic zone (EEZ.) A proposal for a Council Decision on the provisional application of the new Protocol pending its definitive entry into force is the subject of a separate procedure.?

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The committee adopted the report by Carlos LAGE (PES, P) broadly approving the proposal subject to a few amendments (under the

consultation procedure). The committee was concerned that Parliament should be provided with better information to enable it to carry out its duties under the consultation procedure and therefore stipulated that, before any agreement on renewal of the protocol, the Commission should submit to Parliament and Council a general assessment report on the implementation of the Agreement, including a cost benefit analysis. Moreover, in view of the financial and social importance of targeted measures, the committee also wanted a copy of the report on the targeted measures which the authorities of São Tomé e Príncipe were required to provide to be forwarded to Parliament. Only after both these reports had been received and Parliament consulted should the Council authorise the Commission to enter into negotiations for adopting a new protocol. Lastly, the report called for the Protocol to incorporate the social clause adopted by the sea fishing industry Social Dialogue Committee in December 2001 guaranteeing equal treatment for both EU and non-EU seamen sailing on EU vessels in such matters as freedom of association, collective bargaining and living and working conditions.?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the report by Carlos LAGE (PES, Portugal) and made some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 21/10/02).?

EC/Sao Tomé and Principe fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st June 2002 to 31 May 2005

PURPOSE : to conclude a new Protocol on the fishing opportunities between São Tomé e Príncipe for the period from 01.06.2002 to 31.05.2005. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council Regulation 2348/2002/EC on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out, for the period from 1 June 2002 to 31 May 2005, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé e Príncipe on fishing off the coast of São Tomé e Príncipe. **CONTENT :** this new Protocol setting out, for the period from 1 June 2002 to 31 May 2005, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé e Príncipe on fishing off the coast of São Tomé e Príncipe is hereby approved on behalf of the Community. This new Protocol approves new opportunities for Spanish, French and Portuguese fishermen. The fishing opportunities set out in the Protocol shall be allocated among the Member States as follows: - freezer tuna seiners: France: 18; Spain: 18 - pole-and-line tuna vessels: Portugal: 2 - surface longliners: Spain: 20; Portugal: 5 - experimental deep-water fishing targeting crab (1 June 2002 to 31 May 2003 only) Spain: 2 vessels under 250 GRT Portugal: 1 vessel under 250 GRT. 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 contribution of the Agreement shall be fixed at: EUR 925.000 in the first year, EUR 637 500 in the second year and in the third year. For tuna fishing, the financial contribution shall cover an annual catch of 8.500 tonnes in São Tomé e Príncipe waters. If the tuna caught each year by Community vessels in São Tomé e Príncipe's exclusive economic zone exceeds this weight, the amount referred to above shall be proportionately increased at the rate of EUR 75 per additional tonne. The financial contribution shall cover issues such as financing of scientific and technical programmes to promote better understanding of fisheries and living resources in the São Tomé e Príncipe fishing zone; stepping up surveillance, inspection and checks in the fishing zones; institutional support to the administrative department responsible for fisheries; study grants and practical training courses in the various scientific, technical and economic fields linked to fishing; São Tomé e Príncipe's contributions to international fisheries organisations and expenses of São Tomé e Príncipe delegates participating in international meetings concerning fisheries and aid for small-scale fishing. This amount also covers financing in the first year, for an evaluation study on deep-water crab. A joint scientific meeting shall be held annually to evaluate periodically within the Joint Committee the state of crab resources. Based on the findings, the fishing opportunities of this Protocol and the financial contribution may be adjusted after agreement between the two parties meeting within the framework of the Joint Committee. The São Tomé e Príncipe Ministry responsible for fisheries shall transmit a detailed annual report on the implementation of these measures and the results achieved to the Delegation of the Commission responsible for São Tomé e Príncipe, no later than three months after the anniversary date of the Protocol. The conditions governing fishing by Community vessels in the São Tomé e Príncipe fishing zone are laid down in the annex to the Protocol. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** the Regulation shall enter into force on 31.12.2002. The Protocol shall enter into force on the date of the signature by the parties. It shall apply from 1 June 2002.?

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COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2002/1007/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol setting out, for the period from 1 June 2002 to 31 May 2005, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Príncipe on fishing off the coast of Sao Tomé and Príncipe. **CONTENT :** this Decision aims to provisionally apply the Protocol setting out, between 1 June 2002 and 31 May 2005. Please refer to the contents of the protocol outlined in the summary dated 9 December 2002. To this end, the two parties initialled an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters providing for the provisional application of the initialled Protocol from 1 June 2002.?