

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2003/0219(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Ivory Coast fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004		
Subject 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries		
Geographical area Côte d'Ivoire		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		Appointed 02/10/2003
			PPE-DE <a href="#">STEVENSON Struan</a>
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		Appointed 07/10/2003
			PSE <a href="#">DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara</a>
Council of the European Union	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	Council configuration		Meeting
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>		<a href="#">2558</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>		<a href="#">2548</a>
	Commission DG		Commissioner
	<a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a>		

Key events			
23/09/2003	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2003)0556</a>	Summary
08/10/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/12/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
02/12/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0459/2003</a>	
17/12/2003	Debate in Parliament		
18/12/2003	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0597/2003</a>	Summary

26/01/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/01/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/01/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

#### Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/0219(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/5/20131

#### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2003)0556</a>	23/09/2003	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0459/2003</a>	02/12/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0597/2003</a> OJ C 091 15.04.2004, p. 0526-0670 E	18/12/2003	EP	Summary

#### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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#### Final act

[Regulation 2004/154](#)  
[OJ L 027 30.01.2004, p. 0001-0002](#) Summary

### EC/Ivory Coast fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

**PURPOSE** : to conclude an Agreement extending the validity of the Protocol setting fishing opportunities and a financial contribution as provided for in the Agreement between the EC and the Cote d'Ivoire on fishing off the Cote d'Ivoire. **PROPOSED ACT** : Council Regulation. **CONTENT** : the Protocol annexed to the Fishery Agreement between the EC and the Cote d'Ivoire expired on 30 June 2003. Given the current situation in Cote d'Ivoire, the two parties decided to extend its validity for a year, i.e. for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004. This extension, in the form of an exchange of letters, was initialled by the parties on 16 May 2003 in order to set the technical and financial terms of fishing by EC vessels in the waters off Cote d'Ivoire between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2004. The extension will also have the advantage of giving the Cote d'Ivoire authorities enough time to use the money and to draw up the reports on implementation of the programme in support of sustainable fishery resource management (targeted measures), work of which has fallen behind. The Commission accordingly proposes that the Council adopt the attached Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters extending the period of validity of the Protocol. A proposal for a Council Decision on provisional application of the Agreement (pending its actual entry into force) is the subject of a separate procedure. The fishing opportunities set out in the Protocol are allocated to Member States as follows: 1) demersal fishing: Spain: 600 GRT per month (annual average). 2) tuna fishing: tuna seiners - France: 18 vessels; - Spain: 21 vessels. 3) surface longliners: - Spain: 15 vessels; - Portugal: 5 vessels. 4) pole-and-line tuna vessels: - France: 7 vessels; - Spain: 5 vessels. If licence applications from these Member States do not exhaust the fishing opportunities set by the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** : - budget lines - B78000: International fishery agreements; - total allocation for action: EUR 957 000 in payment appropriations; - the reference tonnage is 8 500 t. The Agreement is clearly advantageous in that the catch value far exceeds the cost of the Protocol. The average commercial value of the tuna is more than EUR 1000.?

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The committee adopted the report by Struan STEVENSON (EPP-ED, UK) approving the proposal under the consultation procedure, subject to a few amendments reflecting the position that Parliament has consistently adopted with regard to the renewal of various fishing agreements. Believing that Parliament should be provided with better information to enable it to carry out its duties under the consultation procedure, the committee stipulated that the Commission should draw up a report on the state of stocks and the use of fishing opportunities in the three years in which the previous protocol and the extension now being granted are in force. Moreover, before concluding a new agreement with Côte d'Ivoire, the Commission should submit to Parliament and Council a study assessing fish stocks and a report on the application and conditions of implementation of the previous protocol, with particular reference to the specific measures. Only after these reports had been received and Parliament consulted should the Council authorise the Commission to enter into negotiations for possible new agreements. ?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution based drafted by Struan STEVENSON (EPP-ED, UK), making some amendments to the Commission's proposals. (Please see the summary of 02/12/03).?

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PURPOSE : to conclude an Agreement extending the validity of the Protocol setting fishing opportunities and a financial contribution as provided for in the Agreement between the EC and the Cote d'Ivoire on fishing off the Cote d'Ivoire. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 154/2004/EC on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters extending for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 the validity of the Protocol setting fishing opportunities and a financial contribution as provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of C-te d'Ivoire on fishing off the coast of C-te d'Ivoire. CONTENT : This Regulation approves the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters extending for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 the validity of the Protocol setting fishing opportunities and a financial contribution as provided for in the Agreement between the EEC and the C-te d'Ivoire on fishing off the coast of C-te d'Ivoire. The text of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters is attached to the Regulation. The fishing opportunities set out in the Protocol are allocated to Member States as follows: 1) demersal fishing: Spain: 600 GRT per month (annual average). 2) tuna fishing: tuna seiners - France: 18 vessels; - Spain: 21 vessels. 3) surface longliners: - Spain: 15 vessels; - Portugal: 5 vessels. 4) pole-and-line tuna vessels: - France: 7 vessels; - Spain: 5 vessels. If licence applications from these Member States do not exhaust the fishing opportunities set by the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 02/02/04.?