


Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2007/0062(CNS) Procedure completed
EC/Kiribati Fisheries Partnership Agreement See also 2012/0229(NLE) See also 2023/0147(NLE)	
Subject 3.15.15.06 Fisheries agreements with Pacific countries	
Geographical area Kiribati	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		03/05/2007
		ALDE MORILLON Philippe	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	DEVE Development		03/05/2007
		PSE BORRELL FONTELLES Josep	
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2816	23/07/2007
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2813	10/07/2007
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	BORG Joe	

Key events			
12/04/2007	Legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0180	Summary
24/05/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/06/2007	Vote in committee		
12/06/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0228/2007	
19/06/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
19/06/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0257/2007	Summary

23/07/2007	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
23/07/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/08/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2007/0062(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	See also 2012/0229(NLE) See also 2023/0147(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/48636

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2007)0180	12/04/2007	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE388.611	09/05/2007	EP	
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE388.574	05/06/2007	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0228/2007	12/06/2007	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0257/2007	19/06/2007	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2007)3798/2	18/07/2007	EC	

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Regulation 2007/893](#)
[OJ L 205 07.08.2007, p. 0001](#) Summary

EC/Kiribati Fisheries Partnership Agreement

PURPOSE: to conclude a Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Kiribati.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

CONTENT: in July 2006 a Fisheries Partnership Agreement was negotiated between the Community and the Republic of Kiribati. The Agreement is accompanied by a Protocol and an Annex and has been signed for a period of six years from its entry into force. Upon its entry into force the proposed Agreement will repeal and replace the existing Agreement between the Community on fishing off the coast of Kiribati,

which entered into force in September 2003.

The main objective of the new Partnership Agreement is to strengthen co-operation between the European Community and the Republic of Kiribati, thereby creating a framework of partnership in which to develop a sustainable fisheries policy and responsible exploitation of fisheries resources in the Kiribati fishing zone.

In summary, the main provisions of the proposed Agreement and attached Protocol are as follows:

Scope: The Agreement sets out :

- the principles, rules and procedures that govern economic, financial, technical and scientific co-operation;
- conditions governing access by Community vessels to Kiribati waters;
- arrangement for policing fisheries in Kiribati waters with a view to ensuring that conservation measures are complied with and in order to prevent illegal and unregulated fishing;
- measures to set up company partnerships.

Principles: Both parties agree to promote responsible fishing; to implement a sectoral fisheries policy and to carry out regular evaluation; to implementing the Agreement according to good economic practice and social governance; and they agree that seamen from the Kiribati and/or APC seamen on board Community vessels, will be regulated according to standards set by the ILO.

Scientific co-operation: both the Community and the Republic of Kiribati agree to monitor the evolution of resources in the fishing zone off Kiribati through joint scientific meetings that will be held annually.

Community access: Community vessels will be given access to the fishing zones off the Republic of Kiribati. Community fishing activities will be subject to the laws and regulations in force in the Kiribati.

Licences: Community vessels will only be allowed to fish in the waters off Kiribati if they are in possession of a fishing licence issued under this Agreement.

Financial Contribution: The financial contribution is fixed at **EUR 478 400 per year**. Of this financial contribution, 30% shall be allocated the first year to the support and implementation of initiatives taken in the context of the sectoral fisheries policy drawn up by the Government of Kiribati. This percentage is fixed at 40% the second year and at 60% the year thereafter.

The Protocol also establishes that the allocation of fishing possibilities by Kiribati for EC vessels must be compatible with the management decisions to be taken, on a regional basis, by the Central West Pacific nations in the context of the Palau Arrangement for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse Seine Fishery. It is established that the EC fishing effort in Kiribati EEZ will have to be in line with appropriate tuna stock assessments based on scientific criteria, including the scientific overviews conducted yearly by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

Fishing opportunities: The following will apply for a period of six years starting on 16 September 2006 to the 15 September 2012:

Highly migratory species:

- purse seine vessels: 4 vessels;
- long liners: 12 vessels.

The opportunities are allocated as follows: tuna seiners: France: 27%, Spain: 73% ; surface longliners: Spain: 6, Portugal: 6.

At the request of the Community and depending on the management decision of the Parties to the Palua Agreement, the number of fishing licences for purse seine vessels may be increased. The Protocol fixes a reference tonnage of 6400 tonnes of tuna per year. If the overall quantity of catches by Community vessels in Kiribati waters exceeds 6.400 tonnes per year, the amount of the financial contribution shall be increased by EUR 65 for each additional tonne caught. However, the total annual amount paid by the Community shall not be more EUR 956 800.

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In other provisions, the Agreement sets out the terms and conditions for terminating or suspending the Agreement as well as setting up a Joint Committee the purpose of which is to monitor the application of the Agreement.

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Philippe Morillon (ALDE, FR) by 511 votes in favour to 69 against with 104 abstentions. It made some amendments to the Commission's proposal, inserting the following additional clauses:

- the Commission shall verify each year that Member States whose vessels operate under the Protocol are complying with the reporting requirements under the legislation;
- during the final year of the Protocol's validity and before any new agreement is concluded or the current agreement is extended, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council a report on the application of the current agreement and the conditions under which it was implemented;
- the Commission shall report annually to the European Parliament and the Council on the results of the multiannual sectoral programme referred to in Article 7(2) of the Protocol.

EC/Kiribati Fisheries Partnership Agreement

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LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 893/2007 on the conclusion of a Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Republic of Kiribati, on the other.

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If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State.

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ENTRY INTO FORCE: 14/08/2007.