


# Procedure file

Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2013/0102(NLE)
EC/Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2018. Protocol	
See also <a href="#">2007/0226(CNS)</a>	
Subject 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries	
Geographical area Côte d'Ivoire	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		09/10/2012	
		S&D <a href="#">COTTIGNY Jean Louis</a>		
		Shadow rapporteur		
		PPE <a href="#">WAŁĘSA Jarosław</a>		
		ALDE <a href="#">MEISSNER Gesine</a>		
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
	<b>DEVE</b> Development		22/04/2013	
		PPE <a href="#">PONGA Maurice</a>		
European Commission	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		24/04/2013	
		Verts/ALE <a href="#">ALFONSI François</a>		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">3290</a>	28/01/2014	
European Commission	<a href="#">Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)</a>	<a href="#">3242</a>	30/05/2013	
	Commission DG <a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a>	Commissioner DAMANAKI Maria		

Key events			
09/04/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0188	Summary
13/05/2013	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">08701/2013</a>	Summary
10/09/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/11/2013	Vote in committee		

29/11/2013	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A7-0416/2013</a>	Summary
10/12/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/12/2013	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0527/2013</a>	Summary
28/01/2014	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/01/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
22/02/2014	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0102(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also <a href="#">2007/0226(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/7/12408

### Documentation gateway

Preparatory document		COM(2013)0188	09/04/2013	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">08701/2013</a>	13/05/2013	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">08699/2013</a>	13/05/2013	CSL	
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE514.637</a>	29/08/2013	EP	
Committee opinion	<b>BUDG</b>	<a href="#">PE510.671</a>	05/09/2013	EP	
Committee opinion	<b>DEVE</b>	<a href="#">PE513.389</a>	18/09/2013	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE521.499</a>	08/10/2013	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A7-0416/2013</a>	29/11/2013	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T7-0527/2013</a>	10/12/2013	EP	Summary

### Additional information

National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

### Final act

[Decision 2014/102](#)  
[OJ L 054 22.02.2014, p. 0001](#) Summary

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**PURPOSE :** to conclude a new Protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two Parties currently in force.

**PROPOSED ACT :** Council Decision.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT :** Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

**BACKGROUND :** on the basis of powers conferred on it by the Council, the European Commission has conducted negotiations with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire with a view to renewing the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. At the end of those negotiations, a new draft Protocol was initialled by the negotiators on 9 January 2013 which is now necessary to be concluded on behalf of the European Union.

**IMPACT ASSESSMENT :** the interested parties were consulted during the evaluation of the Protocol for the period 2007-13. Experts from the Member States were also consulted in technical meetings. These consultations concluded that it would be beneficial to maintain a fishing protocol with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.

**LEGAL BASIS :** Article 43(2), in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

**CONTENT :** this draft Decision seeks to conclude a new Protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two Parties.

**Aim:** the general aim is to enhance the cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, thereby creating a partnership framework within which to develop a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fishery resources in the Ivorian fishing zone, in the interests of both Parties.

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**Review of fishing opportunities by mutual agreement :** the fishing opportunities may be increased by mutual agreement provided that the consultations confirm that such an increase will not endanger the sustainable management of the resources of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. In this case the financial contribution shall be increased proportionately and pro rata temporis.

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**Duration of the Protocol :** the new Protocol covers a period of five years from 1 July 2013.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATION :** the total amount allocated to the Protocol shall be EUR 3.4 million from 2013 to 2017 (operational appropriations) + administrative appropriations of an administrative nature financed from the envelope of specific programmes for a total amount of EUR 185 000. EUR 345 000 for human resources and other administrative expenditure shall be added to the total amount for the whole period of the Protocol.

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The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Jean Louis COTTIGNY (S&D, FR) on the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (2013-2018).

Members recommended the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

In the interests of transparency, Members called on the Commission to:

- provide the European Parliament with the minutes and conclusions of the Joint Committee meetings, together with an annual report on the results of the practical implementation of the multiannual sectoral support programme;
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Members stated that the European Parliament should remain vigilant regarding the quality of assistance to the Côte d'Ivoire's fisheries sector as regards employment, and called on the Commission to strengthen controls on the actual use of the funds provided and on illegal fishing. Parliament should also continue to be informed of meetings and events relating to the implementation of the agreement, and to have a table showing a breakdown of sectoral aid in order to keep track of activities in this field.

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Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

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**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision 2014/102/EU on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (2013-2018).

**BACKGROUND:** on 17 March 2008, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 242/2008 on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.

The Union negotiated a new Protocol with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire granting Union vessels fishing opportunities in waters in which the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire exercises its sovereignty or jurisdiction with respect to fishing.

The new Protocol was signed on the basis of Council Decision 2013/303/EU, and will be provisionally applied as from 1 July 2013.

The new Protocol should now be concluded on behalf of the European Union.

**CONTENT:** under the Decision, the Council concluded on behalf of the Union, with the European Parliaments consent, a new Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement.

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**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** the Decision shall enter into force on 28.01.2014. The Protocol shall enter into force as soon as all of the necessary

procedures have been completed.