



EU and Cabo Verde Fisheries Partnership Agreement

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Council Regulation (EU) <u>2024/2158</u> on the allocation of fishing opportunities under Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde

What is changing and why?

The new Implementing Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) between the EU and Cabo Verde allows 24 purse seiners, 22 surface longliners, and 10 pole-and-line vessels of the EU fleet to fish tuna in Cabo Verde's waters. The Protocol will continue to provide Cabo Verde with economic security. Cabo Verde will benefit from securing long-term landings of fishery products and use of its processing facilities by EU fishers.

The Protocol also:

- encourages flexible embarkation of Cabo Verdean and other African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) seamen on EU tuna vessels when active in Cabo Verdean waters
- addresses the lack of live baits
- aims to change negative perceptions of the FPA held by local fishers and civil society (local and international) concerned about EU fleet competing with local fishers for the same tuna stocks.

Timeline

The new Regulation applies retrospectively from 23 July 2024.

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