

# EU–The Gambia Fisheries Partnership Agreement

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### Update

This Call for Evidence relates to an evaluation of the protocol implementing the EU's Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) with The Gambia. The current protocol expires in July 2025.

### Impacted products

Tuna, demersal (bottom-dwelling) fish

### What is changing?

A new protocol needs to be negotiated for the EU fleet to fish in The Gambia's waters as soon as possible after the current protocol expires on 30 July 2025.

### Why?

The EU fleet cannot fish in waters of The Gambia if there is no protocol implementing the SFPA between The Gambia and the EU [Common Fisheries Policy Basic Regulation [1380/2013](#), Art. 31(5)]. This Call for Evidence aims to ensure that the evaluation and future negotiations on a renewal of the protocol with The Gambia consider the views of stakeholders.

### Timeline

Feedback on this Call for Evidence can be provided until **26 July 2024** via the European Commission's [Have your say](#) webpage.

## What are the major implications for exporting countries?

A new protocol would benefit The Gambia's population by providing economic revenue and employment opportunities. Implementing the SFPA promotes good governance and supports the local fishing sector.

## Recommended Actions

Fisheries authorities, the fishing industry (fishing and processing), and civil society in The Gambia are encouraged to respond to this Call for Evidence before **26 July 2024** via the European Commission's [Have your say](#) webpage.

## Background

The [Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement](#) (SFPA) between the EU and The Gambia was concluded in July 2019. The current protocol allows for EU vessels from Spain, Greece, and France to fish in waters of The Gambia, and is part of the tuna network fisheries agreements in West Africa. The Gambia receives €550,000 per year during the 6-year duration of the protocol.

Regulation [1380/2013](#) on the Common Fisheries Policy sets out mandatory evaluation requirements for SFPAs. SFPAs ensure consistency between the EU's Common Fisheries Policy and other European policies, including sustainable use of partner country resources; combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing; integration of partner countries into the global economy; and better political and financial governance of fisheries.

## Resources

[Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement](#) between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia

Decision [2020/392](#) on the conclusion of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia and of the Protocol on the implementation of that Partnership Agreement

Decision [2019/1332](#) on the on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia and of the Protocol on the implementation of that Partnership Agreement

Regulation [2019/1333](#) on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European

Union and the Republic of The Gambia

Regulation [1380/2013](#) on the Common Fisheries Policy

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