

# EU and Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement

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Council Regulation (EU) [2024/2591](#) on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029)

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Council Decision (EU) [2024/2588](#) on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029)

## What is changing and why?

The European Commission has negotiated and agreed a new Implementing Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) between the EU and Guinea-Bissau. It will allow the following fishing opportunities:

- fin-fish and cephalopod freezer trawlers: 3,500 tonnes per year
- shrimp freezer trawlers: 3,700 tonnes per year
- small-pelagic trawlers: 0 tonnes per year
- tuna freezer seiners and longliners: 28
- pole-and-line tuna vessels: 13.

Sectoral support will continue. This is important because Guinea-Bissau is preparing a reform of its management system based on catch limits, and is creating an export chain for fishery products to the EU. It will also help the country comply with its reporting obligations to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

The total allowable catch (TAC) for small pelagic species is set at 0 tonnes because there are concerns about the state of the stocks, and because fishing opportunities by EU trawlers targeting small pelagic species were underutilised in the previous Protocol.

## Timeline

The previous Protocol (2019–2024) expired on 14 June 2024. The new Protocol applies from **18 September 2024**.

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