EU and Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement

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Council Decision (EU) 2025/961 on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029)

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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What is changing and why?

The European Commission has approved the 2024–2029 Implementing Protocol to the EU's Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) with Guinea-Bissau. It allows 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 also helps 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 has been 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 current Protocol applies since **18 September 2024**.

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