

EU strategy on fisheries external action

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What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) is reviewing its strategy for fisheries external action beyond 2030. It will review general policy principles and objectives and identify possible needs for future legislation. It will work on a new generation of SFPAs with partner countries to better support their development and food security.

The review will cover:

- fisheries management instruments and frameworks such as those concerning shared fish stocks
- SFPAs and international organisations (including regional fisheries management organisations, RFMOs)
- the fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing
- the revised EU control regulations and their application externally
- the legislation that regulates the EU external fleet and protects vulnerable marine ecosystems in the high seas.

Actions

The consultation via the European Commission's [Have Your Say](#) webpage closed on 15 September 2025.

Timeline

The European Commission is carrying out a series of consultations in 2025 and expects to present a proposal for new rules in the third quarter of 2026.

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