

# EU strategy on fisheries external action

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[Call for evidence](#): A Strategy on EU Fisheries External Action

## What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has launched a call for evidence towards a report setting its strategy for fisheries external action beyond 2030. The report is expected in the third quarter of 2026. It will set general policy principles and objectives, and identify possible needs for future legislation. The report will cover fisheries management instruments and frameworks such as those concerning shared fish stocks; [sustainable fisheries partnership agreements](#) (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; and the legislation that regulates the [EU external fleet](#) and protects [vulnerable marine ecosystems](#) in the high seas. It aims to identify where enhanced action is necessary, particularly regarding a new generation of SFPAs with partner countries to better support their development and food security.

## Actions

Countries exporting fishery products to the EU can contribute to the call for evidence via the EU's [Have Your Say](#) webpage until **15 September 2025**.

## Timeline

The call for evidence is open until **15 September 2025**.

For more information see the [full record](#) on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest [AGRINFO Update](#) newsletters and [search](#) the database.

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