EU Vision 2040 for fisheries and aquaculture

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Communication from the Commission: Vision 2040 for fisheries and aquaculture

Annexes to the Communication

What is changing and why?

The European Commission's 2040 Vision for fisheries and aquaculture sets a 15-year strategic framework to guide policy and address systemic challenges affecting the fisheries, aquaculture, and processing value chain. It complements the EU Vision for Agriculture and Food.

The Vision aims to make fisheries more sustainable by ensuring healthy fish stocks, protecting the environment and workers, and promoting fair competition. It also aims to improve EU food security by diversifying fish supplies and consumption and increasing aquaculture production.

The EU plans to:

- set new rules for aquaculture production by the end of 2027
- introduce digital traceability for all fish products throughout the supply chain by 2029
- extend mandatory consumer information to processed fishery and aquaculture products

The Vision 2040 also provides a framework for the EU strategy on fisheries external action. It aims to:

- strengthen the implementation and enforcement of rules fighting illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing
- drive Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) to enforce International Labour Organization (ILO) conventions on safety at sea and decent working conditions
- engage with regional partners through sustainable fisheries partnership agreements (SFPAs) to ensure stable access to fishing grounds for the EU fleet.

Timeline

The European Commission presented its Vision 2040 on 20 October 2026.

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