

EU Vision 2040 for fisheries and aquaculture

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Call for evidence: [Fisheries and aquaculture – Vision 2040](#)

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. The 2040 Vision will also provide the overarching framework for the [European Union \(EU\) strategy on fisheries external action](#).

Seventy per cent of aquatic food consumed in the EU today is imported. The EU aims to strengthen the sustainability of imports while improving the competitiveness and resilience of its fisheries and aquaculture sectors, including processing.

The 2040 Vision for fisheries and aquaculture complements the [EU Vision for Agriculture and Food](#), but for the fishery sector.

Agriculture and fisheries face similar systemic challenges in ensuring sustainability and long-term competitiveness, food security, and preserving resources. The European Commission seeks to address these challenges through simplification, digitalisation, innovation, and coherence with its other initiatives.

The Vision will provide an overarching strategic direction for all EU action in the area of fisheries and aquaculture. It will also provide the overarching framework for the [EU strategy on fisheries external action](#), which will be adopted at the same time as the 2040 Vision.

Actions

This consultation via the European Commission's Have Your Say webpage [Fisheries and aquaculture – Vision 2040](#) closed on 24 March 2026. It formed part of a series of public consultations that the EU will hold on many of the initiatives foreseen in the Ocean Pact, which will also be open to feedback from stakeholders in non-EU countries.

Timeline

The European Commission intends to publish the 2040 Vision in the autumn of 2026.

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