

EU restarts fisheries cooperation with Gambia

The EU and the Republic of Gambia have signed a new Sustainable Fishing Partnership Agreement (SFPA) protocol, 22 years after the previous protocol expired. Both parties welcome the start of a new cooperation period in the fisheries sector.

This fisheries agreement allows EU vessels to fish in Gambian waters and thus, extends the network of tuna fisheries agreements in West Africa.

The new protocol covers a period of 6 years and will offer EU vessels the possibility to fish 3300 tons of tuna and tuna-like species as well as 750 tons of hake per year in Gambian waters.



In return, the EU will pay the Republic of Gambia a financial contribution of EUR 550,000 per year. Half of this yearly contribution will be used to strengthen the sustainable management of fisheries resources and the development of the Gambian fishing sector.

The agreement covers the cooperation in the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU) and the promotion of the blue economy, including aquaculture. A special support will be given to the artisanal fisheries sector.

Furthermore, Gambia has committed to become a member of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).





The new protocol will enter into force when the necessary legislative procedures for its conclusion have been completed.

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