

EU and Mauritania extend fisheries protocol

The EU and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania have agreed to extend, for maximum one year, the protocol to the sustainable fisheries partnership agreement which was due to expire in November 2019.

Under the protocol, the EU fleet can fish in Mauritanian waters for shrimp, demersal fish, tuna and small pelagic fish, up to a total of 287,050 tons a year. In addition to the fees paid by the European fleet, the EU pays a financial contribution of EUR 61,625,000 per year, comprising of EUR 57.5 million for the access to waters and EUR 4,125,000 for supporting local fishing communities in Mauritania and improving fisheries governance.



This extension fully reflects the existing protocol and confirms its underlying principles. It will allow for the continuation of fishing activities of EU operators in Mauritanian waters as of 16 November 2019. Meanwhile, the negotiations for a new agreement and protocol will continue.

The two parties agreed on an exceptional derogatory procedure to tackle potential border blockages during the export transportation of fresh fish caught in Mauritanian waters.





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

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