



SFPA Cabo Verde



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The 2019-204 Protocol provides fishing possibilities exclusively for tuna and tuna-like species for EU vessels fishing in Cape Verde waters, for a maximum of 69 EU tuna vessels to the Cape Verde fishing zone in exchange for an annual EU financial contribution: EUR 550,000 in the first two years of application and EUR 500,000 in the last two years of application. Half of the contributed amount is specially dedicated to promote the sustainable management of fisheries in Cabo Verde, including reinforcement of control and surveillance capacities, and to support the local fishing communities.

Main features of Cape Verde SFPA

Duration of the Agreement	Tacitly renewed since 2007
Duration of the Protocol	Five years (20.05.2019 – 19.05.2024)
Nature of the SFPA	Tuna Fishery Agreement
Financial contribution	An annual contribution of €750,000 out of which €350,000 to support the fisheries sector
Fee for ship owners	<u>First two years of application</u> : €55 per tonne caught (purse seiners, longliners and pole-and-line vessels) <u>Last two years of application</u> : €65 per tonne caught (purse seiners, longliners and pole-and-line vessels).
License fees	Tuna seiners: €3,950 per year (ref catches: 110t) Surface longliners: €2,900 per year (ref catches: 90t) Pole-and-line vessels: €500 per year
Reference tonnage:	8,000 t/year

Source: European Commission

Fishing opportunities

Gear	Flag	Nº of vessels
Purse seiners	Spain	16
	France	12
Surface Longliners	Spain	21
	Portugal	6
Pole-and-line tuna vessels	Spain	8
	France	4
	Portugal	2



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Main target species

The 2019- 2024 Protocol provides for fishing opportunities for 28 tuna seiners, 27 surface longliners and 14 pole-and-line tuna vessels. The seiners and pole-and-line vessels are targeting yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*), bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) and skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*). For surface longlines, the target species are swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*), blue shark (*Prionace glauca*), yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) and bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*).

The fishing zone accessible to these vessels, corresponds to waters beyond 18 nautical miles from the base line, taking into account the archipelagic nature of the Cape Verdean fishing zone. For pole-and-line vessels, that distance is reduced to 12 nautical miles.

The composition of bycatch should be in compliance with the current regulations from ICCAT and the FAO recommendations.

Catches

Since 2011 annual catches by EU tuna vessels have averaged 6,539 tonnes. They amounted to just under 10,000 tonnes in 2017, almost double the reference tonnage set by the Protocol. Catches are dominated by Spanish vessels, accounting for 98% of the catch in 2017. Tuna represented 70% and blue shark 20% of the total catch in 2017.

Vessel landings	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2015-2017
Spain	5,240	6,406	10,583	17,915	11,635
Portugal	233	288	496	553	446
Total landings	5,474	6,693	11,079	18,468	12,080
Total catch under SFPA	9,699	4,966	4,494	9,982	6,481
Landings as a % of SFPA catch	56%	135%	247%	185%	186%

Source: AMP, DG MARE *2017 data to November inclusive

Landings by foreign operators

Only Spanish and Portuguese longliners and Spanish purse seiners discharge into Cabo Verde. French purse seine vessels choose to land catches made in the Cabo Verde EEZ into Senegal. However, discharge location of catch by purse seiners will depend on circumstances at the time (current location, prices, transshipment opportunities and costs). For the longliners, Mindelo is an operating base and most catches are transhipped to containers on the quayside for transfer to the EU. By comparing the vessel names reported by AMP, in 2017 EU vessels with a Cabo Verde license accounted for 84% of the volume landed by EU vessels.

Even when purse seiners land in Cabo Verde not all of the catch discharged results from catches in the Cabo Verde EEZ under the SFPA; it also includes catches by EU vessels made in international waters or in the EEZ of other third countries (and these vessels may not operate in the Cabo Verde EEZ at all). The Table which shows landings by EU vessels, indicates that landings into Cabo Verde significantly exceeded the total catches under the SFPA in 2015, 2016 and 2017, on average by 186%.

Source: Ex-post and Ex-ante evaluation study of the SFPA between the EU and Cabo Verde, 2018

Other foreign fleets

Cabo Verde has as well agreements with other third countries. A list of non-EU vessels licensed to fish in the Cabo Verde EEZ in 2017 provided by AMP included the following nationalities and numbers of named vessels:

- Japan: 8 vessels (longliners)
- Senegal: 6 (4 purse seiners, 2 pole and line vessels)
- El Salvador: 4 (purse seiners)
- Curaçao: 3 (purse seiners)
- Panama: 2 (purse seiners)
- Belize: 1 (purse seiner)

The Federation of Japanese Cooperatives has a contract with Cabo Verde to fish within its EEZ. Part of the contract with Japanese vessels was provided to the assessment, but this did not contain the full conditions of the contract. No other contracts were provided. Cabo Verde also has a reciprocal fishing agreement with Senegal. There are no agreements in place with regard to fisheries access by vessels flagged to other nationalities.

Source: Ex-post and Ex-ante evaluation study of the SFPA between the EU and Cabo Verde, 2018



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