

# TCA – update on EU-UK annual consultation

# TCA – involvement of stakeholders

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## article INST.6: Participation of civil society

*“Parties shall consult civil society on the implementation of this Agreement and any supplementing agreement, in particular through interaction with the Domestic Advisory Groups and the Civil Society Forum”*

- Domestic Advisory Groups - comprise a representation of independent civil society organisations including non-governmental organisations, business and employers' organisations, as well as trade unions, active in economic, sustainable development, social, human rights, environmental and other matters.
  - Civil Society Forum - conduct a dialogue on the implementation of the TCA. Participation of independent civil society organisations, including members of the domestic advisory groups.
- Still under discussion – can be set up in a flexible manner to meet specific needs of sectors, link to existing stakeholder cooperation platforms

## article FISH.16: Specialised Committee on Fisheries

SCF:

- ✓ forum for discussion/cooperation
- ✓ development multi-year strategies, quota and non-quota stocks
- ✓ management and conservation measures (emergency, selectivity)
- ✓ approaches to data collection, science, data sharing, consultation scientific bodies
- ✓ consider (joint) compliance and enforcement measures (including data exchange)
- ✓ guidelines for provisional TAC setting (special stocks)
- ✓ prepare annual consultations
- ✓ matters related to designation of ports for landings and notifications
- ✓ timelines for notification of measures, communication of vessel lists, notice on TACs
- ✓ consultation on compensatory and remedial measures
- ✓ guidelines for practical application access to waters, including Crown dependencies
- ✓ mechanism for in-year transfer of quotas

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SCF may adopt measures, including decisions and recommendations:

- ✓ recording matters agreed in annual consultations
- ✓ related to points mentioned before
- ✓ amending list of international obligations (art. 4)
- ✓ other aspects of cooperation
- ✓ modalities of review of this Heading

SCF has powers to amend Annexes Fish.1, 2 and 3

- Committees shall comprise representatives of each Party, and be co-chaired by a representative of the Union and a representative of the UK
- The composition of the delegations shall be communicated to the other party ahead of each meeting. The delegations may include experts (non-government officials) by mutual consent of the co-chairs.
- The rules of procedure can be adapted to the specific needs of the Committees by mutual consent of the Parties.

## next steps – stakeholders

- finalisation of Vademecum for joint bodies under TCA
- Parties need to decide how SCF is set up, composition of delegations, stakeholder input, transparency
- DG MARE to assess EU stakeholder strategy, regional approach