

**Explanatory screening with Croatia and Turkey**  
**Examination of the acquis**  
**Chapter 13 - Fisheries**

# **International Agreements**

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# General Principles

- Law of the Sea: division of competences between Community and Member States pursuant to declaration of competence issued for the EC ratification of the UN Convention for Law of the Sea
- International fisheries policy: exclusive competence of the Community

# International Conventions and Organisations

- Statute of the Community and consequences for Member States  
(FAO, UN fisheries and law of the sea conventions, other international conventions impacting fisheries (OECD, CITES...))
- Incorporation of texts agreed by international organisations in the acquis when they come under Community competence

# Regional Fisheries Organisations (1) (ICCAT and GFCM)

- Community Membership
- Participation and respective rights of the Commission and Member States in meetings

# Regional fisheries Organisations (2) (ICCAT and GFCM)

- **Incorporation of recommendations in Community law:**
  - **fishing possibilities**: TAC and quota Regulation (Regulation 51/2006)
  - **technical measures**: Regulation 973/2001 and Regulation 1626/1994
  - **control measures**: Regulation 1936/2001

# Regional fisheries Organisations (3) (ICCAT and GFCM)

- **Additional control and reporting obligations under EC law designed to ensure compliance with RFOs recommendations**
  - **statistical monitoring of trade**: Regulation 1984/2003
  - **general control provisions applicable to Community fishing vessels**: Regulation 2847/1993

# Fisheries Partnership Agreements

- Overview of existing fisheries agreements between the Community and third States
- As a consequence from the Community exclusive competence to conclude such agreements, Member States are not entitled to enter into similar arrangements and existing agreements should be denounced before accession