

# The EU's Landing Obligation - A very brief introduction

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# Background

- Mixed fisheries
- Significant discarding:
  - a) Regulatory: No quota or below minimum landing size
  - b) High grading
- CFP reform process & public pressure (2007-2013)



# The Landing Obligation (LO)

- New CFP (2014): «Obligation to land all catches» (§ 15)
- Applies to: species with TAC or, in the Mediterranean, a MLS
- Does *not* apply to:
  - Other species
  - By-products (offal)
- Fish below *Minimum Conservation Reference Size (MCRS)*: not for human consumption



## A few more details...



- Phase-in by fisheries and region (2015-2019)
- Exceptions:
  - High survivability
  - Difficult to increase selectivity
  - Costly handling of unwanted catch
- Discard plans (regional)
  - Species, MCRS, exceptions
  - Joint recommendations-> STECF -> DG MARE
  - Mediterranean: West (PESCAMED), Adriatic Sea, SudEstMed



**Thank you for your attention**

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**Questions?**

