

Decree on the agriculture and fisheries policy

Official reference	Decreet van 28 juni 2013 betreffende het landbouw- en visserijbeleid	
Relevant dates	Document	28/06/2013
	Publication	12/09/2013
	Entry into force	1/01/2014
Policy level	Flemish	
Type of instrument	Decree	
Geographical reach	Flemish region	
(Legal) coverage in the BNS	Belgian fishing vessels (wherever they fish), and the other fishing vessels in the territorial sea and the exclusive economic zone	
Competent authorities in Belgium	Flemish authorities; policy domain Agriculture and Fisheries	

// abstract:

This decree regulates the policy as to, inter alia, aquaculture and sea fisheries. It stipulates the competences of the Flemish government regarding the fisheries policy, and discusses the financing instrument for the Flemish fisheries and aquaculture (FIVA) sectors. With regard to sea fisheries, the Flemish government is responsible for: the preservation, management and exploitation of living aquatic organisms; the reduction of the environmental impact; the access to water and aquatic resources; the policy and the management of the fleet capacity; the market policy; the control systems (including the control on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (*IUU fisheries* p.97) and enforcement. This decree deals with the establishment and the functioning of the Fund for agriculture and fisheries. The section on the control systems and penalties provisions includes the regulation on enforcement of the sea fisheries policy. Possible sanctions in case of infringements are immobilisation of the ship, confiscation of the fisheries products, the fishing gear and other production means, etc.