

## **Seafood Ethics Common Language Group**

**The Spanish experience of ratifying and implementing ILO C.188:**

**An overview by the Maritime Administration**

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## Background

- C188 - Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188)
- Agreement on the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 of the International Labour Organisation.
- Directive (EU) 2017/159 implementing the Agreement on the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 of the International Labour Organisation.
- Spanish regulation 618/2020 establishing improvements in working conditions in the fishing industry.





## Reasons for the ratification of ILO C.188.

- Requirements related to the compliance and the enforcement with ILO C.188 are not covering by current national regulation.
- There is a need to establish a system of inspection, reporting and monitoring to ensure national fishing fleet comply with ILO C.188.
- A review process of the current regulation has been opened to completed the alignment of Spanish legal system with the requirements of ILO C.188.





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## Current situation of the ratification process

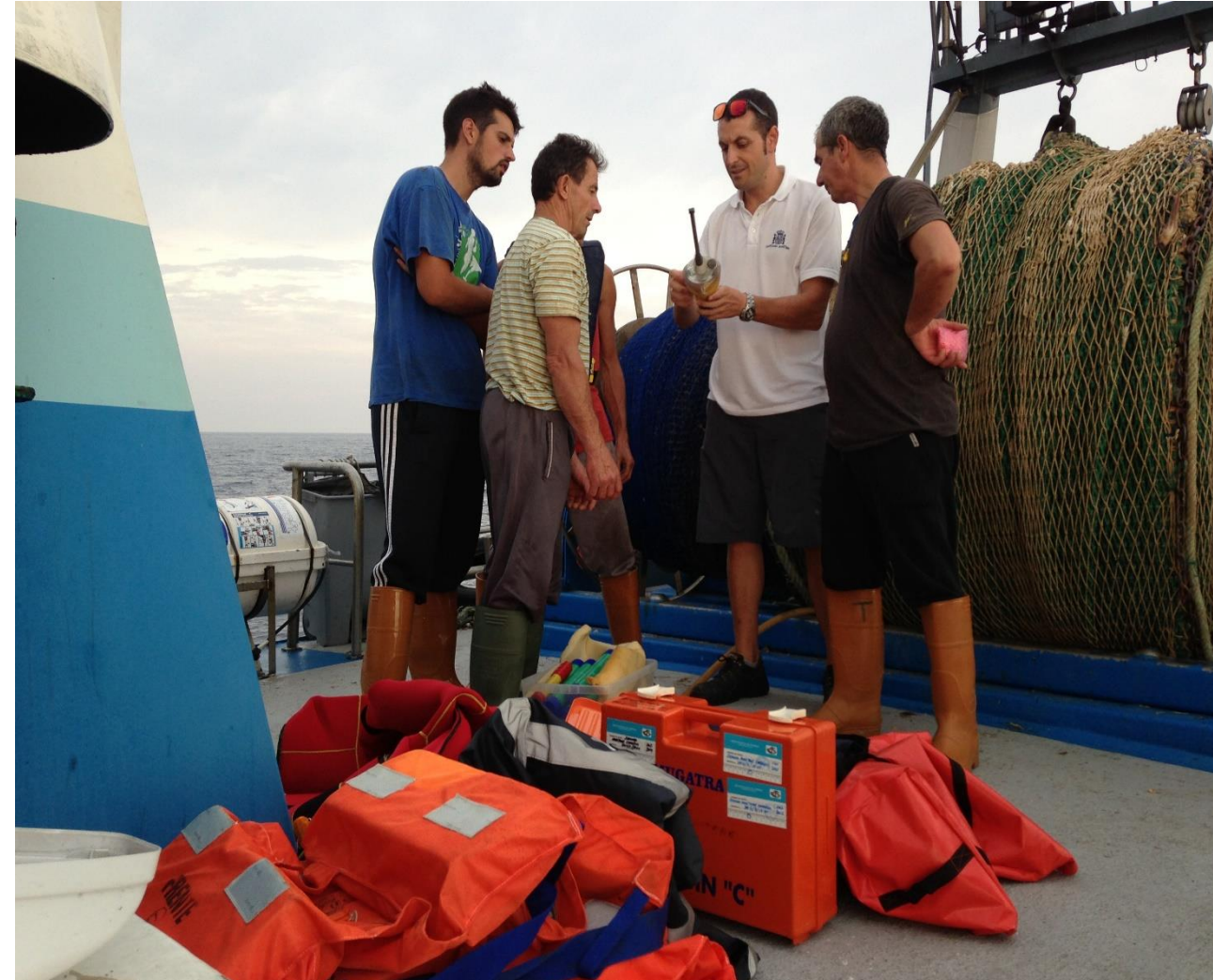
- domestic procedures prior to deposit the ratification instrument will finalize shortly.
- It is expect to deposit the instrument in the next few months.
- new national regulation to facilitate the implementation of the C.188 would be released by December 2022 or early 2023.





## New draft national regulation to amend regulation 618/2020

- to ensure the working and living conditions of fishers on board national fishing vessels and foreign vessels calling at Spanish ports.
- rules for the inspection, monitoring and compliance with C.188. Document of compliance.
- mechanisms for coordination among relevant national authorities.
- Maritime Administration, Labour Authority and Seafarers' Care National Institute as competent authorities.
- provisions for a tripartite inspection system







## Benefits of the ratification and implementation of ILO C.188.

- The standard of living and working conditions, health care and safety of fishing workers is increased.
- Work in fishing sector is aligned with the shipping industry.
- a port state control regime to fight against "social dumping" and IUU fishing.
- progressing toward meeting SDG number 8.

