

Council Regulation (EU) No 43/2012 of 17 January 2012 fixing for 2012 the fishing opportunities available to EU vessels for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks which are not subject to international negotiations or agreements

TITLE II

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Article 12

Prohibitions

1 It shall be prohibited for EU vessels to fish for, to retain on board, to tranship or to land the following species:

- a basking shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*) and white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*) in EU waters and non-EU waters;
- b porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) in all waters, except where it is provided otherwise in Annex I Part B;
- c angel shark (*Squatina squatina*) in EU waters;
- d common skate (*Dipturus batis*) in EU waters of ICES division IIa and ICES subareas III, IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX and X;
- e undulate ray (*Raja undulata*) and white skate (*Rostroraja alba*) in EU waters of ICES subareas VI, VII, VIII, IX and X;
- f guitarfishes (*Rhinobatidae*) in EU waters of ICES subareas I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and XII^[F1];

^[F2]g giant manta ray (*Manta birostris*) in all waters.]

2 When accidentally caught, species referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be harmed. They shall be promptly released.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EU\) No 692/2012 of 24 July 2012 amending Regulations \(EU\) No 43/2012 and \(EU\) No 44/2012 as regards the protection of the giant manta ray and certain fishing opportunities.](#)
- F2** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EU\) No 692/2012 of 24 July 2012 amending Regulations \(EU\) No 43/2012 and \(EU\) No 44/2012 as regards the protection of the giant manta ray and certain fishing opportunities.](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) No 43/2012. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- [Regulation revoked by 2023 c. 28 Sch. 1 Pt. 2](#)