

# SPANISH BLUE ECONOMY

## STRATEGY

The fisheries industry approach



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## Spain: world-leader competitive fisheries

0,5% Spanish GDP; 20% of EU industry

## Agreement for 'Greening' the Ocean Economy

## Integrated into EU:

Common fisheries policy (CFP) + Integrated maritime policy (IMP)

## UN SDG 14:

International commitment is critical

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Synergies with climate change

## Focus areas for Blue Growth:

Aquaculture, biotech, renewable energy, mineral resources, and costal maritime tourism +  
**Innovative fisheries (4.0, big data)**



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## Spanish 'greening' of the seas: fisheries as backbone of Blue Economy

Basic element for food safety, coastal environmental protection, climate change

### 8 lines of action:

1. **Access to finance, especially for SMEs (EMFF, EIB)**
2. **World-class ICT-based control and surveillance system (against IUU)**
3. **Marine protected areas (10% coastline by 2020)**
4. **Aquaculture / Maritime spatial planning**
5. **Innovation, research-based startups, new business models for Blue Growth**
6. **Centres of excellence of Blue Knowledge**
7. **International cooperation**
8. **Social dimension: training and skills, labour safety, decent working conditions, gender equality.**

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## 8 pillars

1. **Rule of international law (fight against IUU) requires to strengthen control and surveillance systems at national level**
2. **Technology and innovation: centres of excellence as technology platforms enabling technology transfer and finance**
3. **Empowerment of women and young generations in coastal communities**
4. **Preservation of eco-systems in marine protected areas**
5. **Innovation is key for future sustainable inclusive competitive growth**
6. **Centres of excellence of Blue Knowledge**
7. **International cooperation: focus on **Mediterranean sea****
8. **Social dimension**

**SPAIN is  
committed  
with  
sustainable  
fishing**