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Answer given by Mr Kadis
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has not been notified about the incidents mentioned by the Honourable Member and does not dispose of sufficient information to assess their impact on fishing operations around Lampedusa Island.

The European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)¹ can support measures that contribute to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems, including actions to achieve a good environmental status as set out in Article 1(1) of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)². Under specific conditions, the EMFAF can also provide for compensation to fishers for the temporary cessation of fishing activities. It remains within the competence of the Italian authorities to assess and, where appropriate, mobilise the relevant EMFAF resources in line with the objectives of Italy's EMFAF programme. The Commission remains available to support Italy in the implementation of its EMFAF programme.

In implementing their marine strategies, Member States are already obliged to protect the marine environment to achieve good environmental status. No further programmes are therefore envisaged.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1004.

² Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive).