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Answer given by Mr Kadis
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Member States can use the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) to fund targeted management actions and support fishers affected by non-indigenous species (NIS). Greece has recently launched a relevant action, in a pilot phase, focusing on *Lagocephalus* and aiming to protect marine biodiversity through targeted fisheries management measures, scientific monitoring and remuneration to participating coastal fishers for targeted catching and landing. It is for the Member States to design and implement such measures within their national EMFAF programmes.

2. The Commission announced a dedicated policy initiative within the Ocean Pact¹ to address the issue of NIS. In addition, through collaboration and financial support to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, the EU has been supporting work on NIS through research programmes and establishment of a regional NIS observatory to enhance knowledge and share best practices in tackling NIS.

3. For fisheries, the Commission proposal foresees a ring-fenced amount of EUR 2 billion for certain activities under the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), ensuring a minimum level of support for key CFP objectives, including sustainability, conservation of marine biological resources, innovation and the Common Market Organisation. Member States will be able to complement this dedicated amount from the overall envelope of their national and regional partnership plans to address additional needs related to fisheries, aquaculture, coastal communities, the wider blue economy and the ocean.

¹ Communication of the Commission on the European Ocean Pact, COM(2025) 281 of 5.6.2025.
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0281>.