

## NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

**Summary information communicated by Member States on State aid granted in conformity with Commission Regulation (EC) No 736/2008 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production, processing and marketing of fisheries products**

(Text with EEA relevance)

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**Aid No:** SA.33856 (11/XF)**Member State:** France**Authority granting the aid:** Ministère de l'agriculture, de l'alimentation, de la pêche, de la ruralité et de l'aménagement du territoire.**Name of company receiving the aid:** Aide versée au Comité régional des pêches maritimes et des élevages marins du Languedoc-Roussillon en vue de mettre en place des opérations de transfert d'anguilles argentées (stade adulte) pour l'unité de gestion de l'anguille Rhône-Méditerranée et un suivi scientifique du déroulement et des résultats de ces opérations.**Legal basis:**

Décret n° 99-1060 du 16 décembre 1999 relatif aux subventions de l'État pour des projets d'investissement

Décret n° 2000-675 du 17 juillet 2000 pris pour l'application de l'article 10 du décret n° 99-1060 du 16 décembre 1999 relatif aux subventions de l'État pour des projets d'investissement

Council Regulation (EC) No 1100/2007 of 18 September 2007 establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European eel

**Amount of ad hoc aid granted:** EUR 350 000 in 2011 (maximum overall amount)**Maximum aid intensity:** 98 %**Date of entry into force:** 2011**Duration of individual aid award (planned date of final payment):** The deadline for submitting the request for payment of the balance of the aid is 31 December 2012.**Objective of aid:** The objective is temporarily to transfer silver eels downstream of barriers while they undergo maintenance in order to restore ecological continuity and to carry out a scientific analysis of the procedure. The aid is intended to help France achieve the objectives laid down in Council

Regulation (EC) No 1100/2007 of 18 September 2007 establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European eel, and in particular the fifth indent of Article 2(8). The aid is intended to contribute to improving the probability of achieving a level of escapement to the sea of at least 40 % of the silver eel biomass at the adult stage, this being the best possible estimate of the level of escapement if the stock is free from anthropogenic influences, in accordance with Article 2(4) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1100/2007 of 18 September 2007.

**Relevant articles:**

Article 18 — Aid for measures intended to protect and develop aquatic fauna and flora

Article 21 — Aid for pilot projects

**Activity concerned:** Fisheries of Mediterranean waters, lagoons and rivers with the objective of releasing silver eels into the sea**Name and address of the granting authority:**Ministère de l'agriculture, de l'alimentation, de la pêche, de la ruralité et de l'aménagement du territoire  
Direction des pêches maritimes et de l'aquaculture  
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FRANCE**Web address where the full text of the scheme or the criteria and conditions under which ad hoc aid is granted outside of an aid scheme can be found:**<http://agriculture.gouv.fr/europe-et-international>**Motivation:**

The planned aid will make it possible to finance the action proposed without using appropriations under the European Fisheries Fund (EFF).

Recourse to EFF measure 3.2 (cf. Article 38 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 of 27 July 2006 on the European Fisheries Fund) is not possible in view of the use already made of the corresponding budgetary allocation.