

Spain and France agree on fishing quota swap

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"We have received quotas of 1,500 tonnes of hake and 1,100 tonnes of monkfish, the two main (fishing) species our boats catch," the agriculture ministry in Madrid said in a statement, but without giving details on the quotas that will be given to France in exchange.

Under the deal, Spain also said it is getting mini-quotas on haddock and pollack.

In December, the [European Union](#)'s [fisheries](#) ministries struck a deal on 2013 quotas which was viewed as a "compromise" between efforts to protect endangered stocks while ensuring jobs for Europe's [fishermen](#).

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