All aboard for sustainable fisheries!

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On Monday 13th May, the day of the opening of the EU Fisheries Council in Brussels, BirdLife Europe together with other NGOs, politicians, fishermen and chefs joined forces to stop overfishing and preserve our oceans in the campaign All Aboard!

A replica of a ship was placed in front of the European Council building, where EU Fisheries Ministers were meeting. The Ministers were called upon to unblock negotiations for an ambitious reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CAP) and to Get on board! to rebuild fish stocks, control fleet capacity, promote low-impact fishing and have zero tolerance to discards.

The aim of the All Aboard! Campaign is to convince the Ministers to take the lead in the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) reform process and approve an ambitious reform ensuring healthy oceans and sustainable fishing for future generations.

Europe's fisheries are in a crisis – two out of three fish species in Europe are overfished. For more than thirty years, fishing laws have failed to deliver the changes we need, and there are still too many destructive fishing boats chasing too few fish. Since 2011, citizens, fishermen and businesses across Europe have been campaigning for healthy oceans and in February the European Parliament voted for better fishing laws – a real victory that confirmed the power of European citizens!

However, without an ambitious agreement from the Fisheries Ministers these efforts will be lost.

Watch a short video of our All Aboard action (Brussels, 13 May 2013).

The action was supported onsite by European Commissioner Maria Damanaki, who expressed support for the CFP reform. Participants were singing "all we are saying….. is give fish a chance" (to the tune of 'Give Peace a Chance' by John Lennon).

Thank you in advance for supporting the video using social media!

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