



Department  
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# Fisheries EU Exit

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# Importance of industry



**35k**

People employed in the sector



**£1.3<sub>bn</sub>**

Value of fisheries sector to UK economy (0.08 GDP)



**£0.7<sub>bn</sub>**

Value of processing sector

- The sector is important to coastal areas, particularly in Scotland (where fish accounts for 3% of exports), Wales, Northern Ireland, North East and South West England

# Trade

Annual Av 2013 - 15	EU	Non-EU	Proportion from EU
Imports	£841m	£1,876m	31%
Exports	£971m	£486m	67%
Trade Surplus / Deficit	£130m	-£1,390m	

HMRC International trade statistics

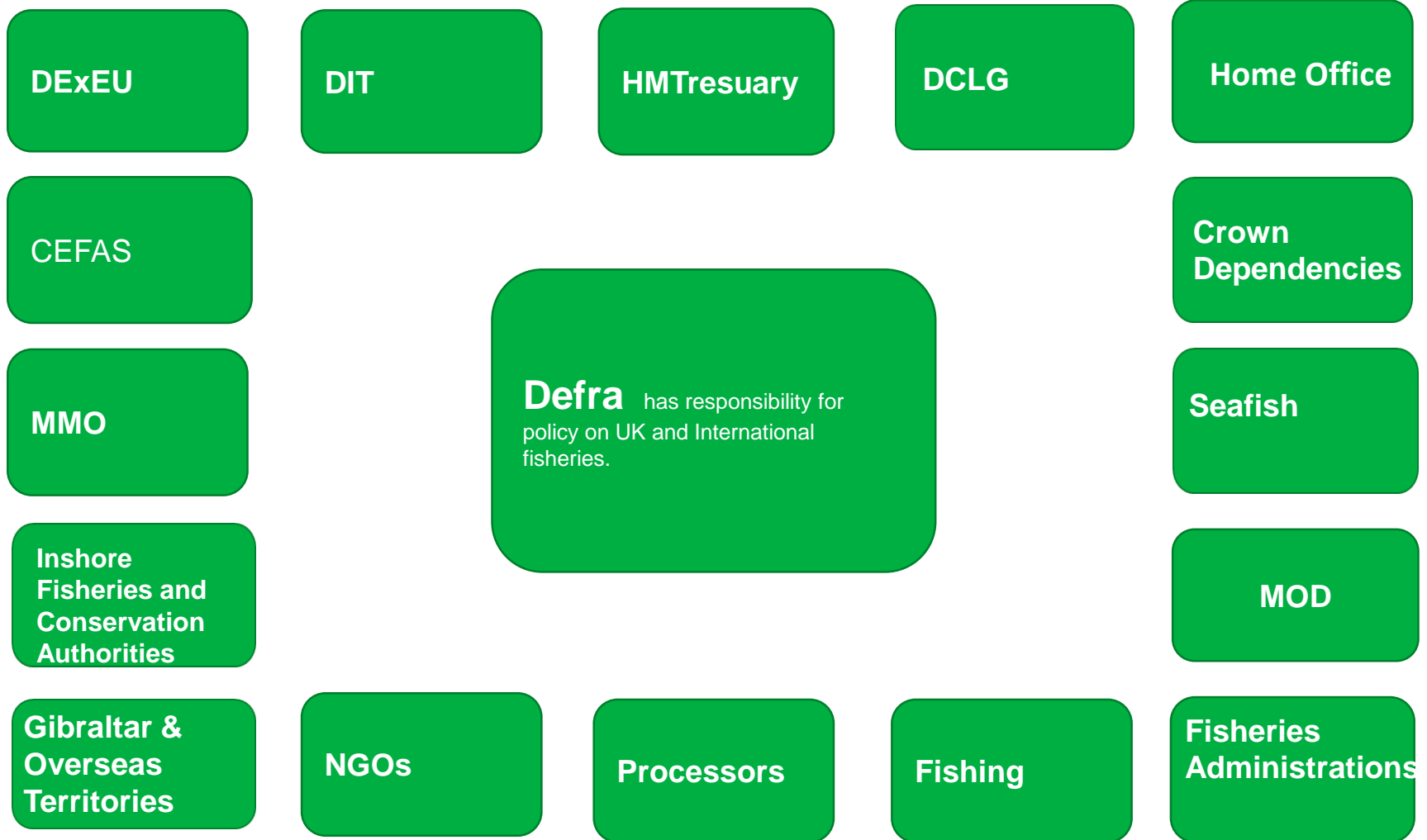
# What the Fisheries Minister has said:

“Leaving the EU is a real opportunity to review fisheries management in order to ensure fair access to quota, sustainable stocks and a healthy marine environment.”

“We continue to be a leading advocate of sustainable fisheries and remain committed to implementing the discard ban, ending the wasteful practice of discarding fish.”

“The UK is bound by international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which gives coastal states rights and responsibilities over their Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and the resources within it. We are also committed to continued co-operation with other countries over the management of shared stocks.”

# Organisations



# Stakeholder Views

- Ministers and officials are committed to listen to stakeholders
  - Secretary of State roundtable meeting
  - Seafish Common Language Group
  - Industry and NGO meetings
- Position papers from industry bodies and NGOs
- Drawing on existing industry and NGO communication
- Establishing an external advisory group
  
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