## President of Latvia meets with members of the Association "Mazjūras zvejnieki"

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On 5 June, President of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs met with members of the Association*Mazjūras zvejnieki* to discuss the key coastal fishing challenges.

"Valuable discussion with fishermen, and my impressions from today's visit, confirmed the unique nature of coastal fishing as a craft, which is perpetuated mainly by coastal region families and new generation of fishermen who hold these traditions dear and are ready to further them. We need to encourage all efforts supporting the sustainable development and research in the area of coastal fishing. Environmental requirements and business restrictions need to be aligned as much as possible. Others can also help coastal fishing by buying the local fish directly from the fishermen," President Rinkēvičs told after the meeting.

During his visit, President of Latvia went to several coastal fishing businesses in Talsi and Tukums regions, such as "Vilnis", "Indras zivis" and "ZZivs".



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