

**Question for written answer E-000264/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Tagging of wild animals

Tagging wild animals makes it possible to obtain valuable information about their habits and behaviour. However, the information available about tagging practices is contradictory and inadequate. The practices adhered to also differ between countries.

Are there any international agreements determining what practices are approved or recommended for tagging wild animals?

Is research by means of wild animal tracking collars controlled at national level or does the EU coordinate and supervise this activity?

Does the Commission have any plans for improving the availability of information concerning tagging of wild animals?