Question for written answer E-006752/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Josep-Maria Terricabras (Verts/ALE)

Subject: House-building on the protected island of Tagomago (Ibiza, Balearic Islands)

Tagomago, a rocky island lying 1 km off the coast of Ibiza, is part of the Natura 2000 network, and its environment is protected to the highest degree possible, under Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora and Council Directive 79/409/EEC of 2 April 1979 on the conservation of wild birds, as well as by other national legislation.

Since late 2007 there have been signs of building work being carried out on the island. It is clear from the complaints and reports produced by environmental officers in Ibiza that the necessary authorisation was neither sought nor obtained, and it therefore follows that what has been done on Tagomago was done unlawfully and illegally and cannot be legalised after the event.

Is the Commission aware of the illegal building on an island belonging to the Natura 2000 network?

Does it consider this project to be compatible with European environmental protection directives?

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