

**Question for written answer E-009381/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Decision to increase Greenland's whaling quota

Can the Commission explain why it supported the IWC's decision to grant Greenland permission to hunt 176 minke, 19 fin, 10 humpback and two bowhead whales each year from 2015 to 2018 under a subsistence quota?

Numerous animal welfare organisations, including the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) and Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC), have demonstrated that whalemeat is being used commercially in Greenland and is routinely sold in places promoted to tourists. Evidence was found of whalemeat and artefacts for sale in supermarkets, fish markets, cafés, visitors' centres and elsewhere in the tourist industry in Nuuk, Ilulissat and Tasiilaq.

In light of this, can the Commission provide details of the evidence it used to come to the decision that Greenland requires an extension of its whale quota on the basis of subsistence?