

**Question for written answer E-009409/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Spanish law on national parks

The Spanish draft law on national parks opens the door to the liberalisation of land use in the parks, which may lead to urbanisation and the construction of housing.

'Sporting use' of the national parks would also be allowed, opening up the possibility of organising private and/or commercial hunting parties. Animals in the national parks would thus be deprived of the protection they have thus far enjoyed.

At every stage in the parliamentary process the new proposals have been rejected by all opposition groups in the Congress and Senate, in the same way as the recent revisions of the laws governing the use of land in coastal and mountain areas.

The only objective of this new legislation would seem to be to promote private interests, to the detriment of Spain's natural heritage and local people.

Is the Commission familiar with this draft law? Does the Commission feel that it is consistent with EU regulations? Does it consider that the proposal maintains the protection of Spain's natural heritage afforded by the previous legislation, which was supported by all parliamentary groups?