

**Question for written answer E-010870/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Volume of EU fish stocks

The new Common Fisheries Policy takes a precautionary approach to fishery management and aims to ensure that living marine resources are exploited in such a way as to restore and maintain populations of the species fished above the levels capable of producing maximum sustainable yield (MSY), keeping the population numbers of the species fished at biomass levels capable of producing biomass maximum sustainable yield (BMSY).

Can the Commission therefore:

1. confirm that it is receiving information concerning the BMSY of European fish stocks from the ICES and other advisory bodies?
2. share the information concerning the biomass level of EU fish stocks, including its relationship with the BMSY reference point?