

**Question for written answer E-000726/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Aid granted by Member States for the enforcement of shark finning legislation

In its answer to my written question E-009767/2014, the Commission states that it sees no need to revise, at this stage, Regulation (EU) No 605/2013 on the removal of fins of sharks on board vessels, in view of the difficulties it is having in assessing its implementation, given that only 15 Member States have submitted the complete report they are supposed to draw up on the implementation of this Regulation.

1. Can the Commission clarify which Member States have yet to submit this report, or which ones submitted it on time?

In its answer it also notes that it is the Member States which may decide to provide support under the EMFF to achieve a more sustainable use of marine biological resources, to promote environmentally-friendly processing methods, or to make investments to deal with unwanted catches or to improve the quality of fishery products.

2. Can the Commission clarify, in this regard, which Member States have granted aid to facilitate the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 605/2013?