

**Question for written answer E-001139/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Bluefin tuna fishing

In his answer to a recent written question (E-008639/14), European Commissioner Karmenu Vella admitted that the Common Fisheries Policy and the rules on the protection and conservation of bluefin tuna were not applicable to Gibraltar. Gibraltar has declared a total allowable catch for bluefin tuna that – by completely disregarding the guidelines adopted by the EU and by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) – could pose a threat to the very survival of the species.

1. What measures can the Commission take to prevent the United Kingdom from using legal tricks in Gibraltar that contradict essential EU policies on environmental protection and marine species conservation?
2. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that Gibraltar's quota for bluefin tuna, which is not covered by any European or international agreements, is not caught in Member States' waters?