

**Question for written answer E-001415/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Spanish Government measures against the apple snail

According to a report by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), apple snails from the genus *Pomacea* have been causing severe damage in the Ebro Delta for five years. In the report, the EFSA identifies the spread of the apple snail from the south of Spain to the Danube as a massive threat to the whole of the EU. Since this threat is currently located in the Ebro Delta, could the Commission answer the following:

1. Is the Commission aware of any measures adopted by the Spanish Government to combat the apple snail infestation?
2. Is the Commission aware of any measures adopted by the Ebro Water Authority, which is responsible for environmental management of the river?