

**Question for written answer E-001949/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: LIFE project targeting the apple snail

The Commission recently rejected a LIFE project targeting the apple snail, which is an invasive species. In view of the fact that the Ebro Delta is the area most affected by this problem, and since most of the work and therefore knowledge in this field has come from people based there, I would like to ask:

What were the Commission's reasons for rejecting this project?

Does the Commission think that a LIFE project such as the one referred to above could help to drive green growth in the region?