

**Question for written answer E-001950/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: LIFE programme against the apple snail

Given the danger posed by this species and the risk of its expansion, as indicated in the study on the apple snail carried out by the European Food Safety Authority:

What does the Commission propose to do if a migrating bird deposits apple snail eggs in the mouth of the Rhone or in the Po valley?

What programmes does the Commission intend to implement in order to increase our knowledge of this species and others like it, which devastate indigenous biodiversity and damage local economies such as in the Ebro delta?