

**Question for written answer E-003860/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Illegal tuna fishing in the Strait of Gibraltar

As the Commission knows, the Strait of Gibraltar, and in particular the Bay of Cadiz, is a zone where tuna fish are caught, mainly by means of an ancient, traditional and sustainable method, namely the '*almadraba*' [tuna trap].

Unfortunately, for some time now incidents have been occurring of illegal fishing camouflaged as recreational fishing but with the fish destined for the market. The situation is made worse by the fact that, according to environmental bodies, the alleged perpetrators find refuge on the coast of the Rock of Gibraltar.

Is the Commission aware of these illegal practices?

What steps is the Commission taking to stop these practices?