

Question for written answer E-006092/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Environmental damage to the coast of the Canary Isles

On 14 April a Russian fishing boat with 1 500 tonnes of fuel on board sank off the coast of Gran Canaria island. The damage caused by the spillage of oil to marine ecosystems is immediate, but it takes decades for them to recover. In the light of previous experiences, such as the sinking of the oil tanker Prestige off the Galician coast in 2002 and the damage that caused to the flora and fauna of Galicia, I should like to know:

What action has the EU taken or is it taking to tackle this environmental crisis as expeditiously and effectively as possible?

Does the Commission intend to mobilise a relief fund to alleviate the possible damage to the environment caused by the sinking of this fishing boat and the possible spillage of the oil inside it?