

**Question for written answer E-007100/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Oil spill from the fishing boat Oleg Naydenov on the Gran Canaria coast

Finally, fuel oil spilled from the Russian fishing boat Oleg Naydenov, which was wrecked two weeks ago in the Gran Canaria port of Las Palmas, has reached the Gran Canaria coast. Last weekend, oil slicks appeared on five beaches in the municipality of Mogán that form part of the Gran Canaria Biosphere Reserve.

This coastal strip is part of the El Nublo country park and adjoins the special conservation zones of Sebadales de Guguy and the marine area of Mogán, as well as the special bird protection zone of the Mogán-La Aldea marine area.

Despite the serious nature of the events, the Spanish authorities have played down the impact of the accident, the handling of which was highly criticised by environmental groups.

In view of this situation, I ask the Commission:

1. Was the European Maritime Safety Agency informed of the decisions taken by the Spanish authorities in dealing with the accident, resulting in the boat being towed away and the environmental risk that this entailed?
2. If so, were these decisions approved and recommended by the European Maritime Safety Agency?
3. Is the Commission going to oversee the correct application of Directive 2009/123/EC, to ensure that those responsible for this accident do not go unpunished?