

**Question for written answer E-007101/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Alterations to RN2000 O Careón protection area

Various environmental organisations in Galicia have recently issued warnings against the planting of eucalyptus trees in the O Careón protection area within the Natura 2000 network. This is an area of high ecological value with endemic botanical species that are at risk of extinction, as recorded in the official catalogue of endangered species in Galicia. Specifically, the plantation would be situated within the zone of maximum protection under the overall plan for the Serra do Careón.

Is the Commission aware of this situation? At all events, what is its opinion on it? Does it intend to contact the Galician authorities for information and take appropriate action?