

**Question for written answer E-007168/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Special conservation areas in Asturias

The Commission has opened File 2015/2013, castigating Spain for mishandling integrated management tools (IMT) in special conservation areas (SCA), something which various ecological organisations had already denounced. In the case of Asturias, this mishandling involved making it impossible in practice for citizens to take an active part in the process of drafting these plans, as well as mistakes in defining the areas, thus removing protection from various natural spaces in the autonomous community of Asturias which belong to the Natura 2000 Network and which are home to brown bears, a priority species at risk of extinction.

Given the opening of the case against Spain, in addition to a possible sanction, can the Commission order a full review of the IMTs of the protected spaces, most particularly Cangas del Narcea, Degaña and Ibias, which are without question the best area for bears in Spain?