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to the Commission**

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Subject: Birds under threat

According to data just released by the Spanish Ornithological Society and recognised by Spain's Ministry of the Environment, the total number of common birds has fallen by 17.5% over the past 17 years, and it is thought that both hunting and environmental degradation have had a particular impact on this changing situation. Species such as the turtledove have suffered a 25% decline in numbers, and quail populations have dropped by 60%. To address the issue, several European countries have imposed moratoriums on the hunting of species such as the turtledove.

How is the Commission monitoring the changing situation of certain species of birds that are affected by hunting?

Has it taken into consideration the need to introduce measures to stop the decline of bird populations?