

**Question for written answer E-007993/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Assessment of Natura 2000

Launched in 1992, Natura 2000 is a European programme to guarantee the protection of biodiversity. The programme is based on two founding texts, the Birds Directive and the Habitats Directive, which promote some important ideas, such as the preservation of biological diversity, the enhancement of our natural heritage, and the survival of endangered species and their habitats. The Natura 2000 network currently includes 27 000 sites in Europe and 1 000 animal and plant species under special protection.

What are the main achievements the Commission would put forward as regards the current assessment of Natura 2000?