

**Question for written answer E-008180/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Illegal trafficking of species and seizures in Spain

Trafficking in exotic species is considered to be the fourth biggest illegal moneymaking business globally; the European Union is considered to be a key element because it is a destination, transit area and source of many of these products.

According to a number of NGOs, seizures of protected species in Spain account for 30 % of the total seizures in the European Union.

EU-TWIX should contain data on this matter.

What is the percentage of seizures of protected species carried out in Spain and reported to EU-TWIX in relation to the total figure for the European Union?