

**Question for written answer E-008928/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Ortigueira-Meira SAC

In March this year, the Galician Regional Government passed Decree 37/2014, declaring Galicia's sites of Community importance to be special areas of conservation (SACs), and approving the Natura 2000 network master plan, 22 years after this European ecological network was established by Directive 92/43/EEC.

A number of civil society organisations maintain that the approved plan has significant shortcomings. According to them, it paves the way for high-impact activities, such as monoculture forestry, increased building rights (up to 50% in the most-protected areas), open-cast mining operations or fish farms, even in the areas of greatest environmental value.

One of the areas considered an SAC is Ortigueira-Meira. Can the Commission please state, therefore, whether it has received the specific management plan for this SAC and what its opinion of that plan is? If it has not, when should the plan be approved and what are the implications of it not having been approved? Can it please also state what European aid this SAC has received?