

**Question for written answer E-010759/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The sixth mass extinction of land fauna

According to the results of a study by experts from Stanford, Princeton and Berkeley published in *Science Advances*, fauna is undergoing a sixth mass extinction, the last being that of the dinosaurs. Animal species are disappearing 100 times more quickly than before.

According to the study, among the leading causes of this extinction are climate change, deforestation and pollution. What is more, the study argues that human activity is partly to blame for the phenomenon. A huge number of species, including humans, could disappear in the decades to come if we do not tackle the causes of this extinction.

What steps does the Commission plan to take to prevent so many species from being wiped out?