

**Question for written answer E-011173/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Alarming state of Europe's seas

On 24 June 2015 the European Environment Agency published a report describing the alarming state of habitats and marine species in Europe's seas. Nearly 66% of habitats and 27% of species are in unfavourable conservation status, whereas only 9% of habitats and 7% of species are considered to be in favourable conservation status. This situation has been brought about by a whole range of causes, including overfishing and overexploitation of mineral resources, pollution, climate change, and waste. The EU has to comply with the 'Marine Strategy Framework Directive,' which calls for ecologically sound management of Europe's seas.

In the light of the above report and without departing in any way from the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, will the Commission put forward new initiatives to improve the sustainability of Europe's seas?