

**Question for written answer E-012334/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Fire damage to the Natura 2000 network in Galicia

Numerous fires have recently occurred in Galicia that have, according to initial estimates, affected around 800 hectares of valuable protected land in Navia, Folgoso do Caurel and Padrenda, particularly along the Rao river valley in the municipality of Lucense Navia, the site of what are perhaps Galicia's only arbutus and on the route followed by bears crossing from Asturias to Los Ancares.

Given the gravity of this situation, can the Commission say whether the Galician authorities have sent any details regarding fire damage sustained by the Natura 2000 areas? Can it say what EU measures can be taken and what recovery aid can be claimed by the areas affected?