

**Question for written answer E-012583/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Fire in the municipality of Manzaneda, part of the Natura 2000 network

The municipality of Manzaneda, in the Spanish province of Ourense, recently suffered a fire which destroyed 279 hectares of a Natura 2000 area.

Sadly, a number of Natura 2000 sites have succumbed to flames this summer: Navia, Folgoso, A Mezquita, Padrenda, Viana do Bolo and Toques are just a few examples of the communities which have seen their most emblematic rural landscapes devastated by fire, which year after year continues to destroy vitally important environmental areas.

In the context of this recurring issue, what measures and support has the Commission implemented, or will it implement, to aid the recovery of the affected areas? What is the Commission's assessment of forest fire protection in these parts of Galicia, in view of the fact that forest fires occur there repeatedly?