

**Question for written answer E-012960/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Apple snails

Last July, Mr Ladislav Miko, the Director-General of the European Commission Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, visited the Ebro delta in order to find out more about the situation concerning the invasion of the apple snail. At the same time, several inspectors from different European Commission services have evaluated the measures that have already been adopted.

1. Could the Commission explain the results of this evaluation of the measures that have been adopted?
2. Does the Commission support the measure of flooding the irrigation canals with sea water, in the knowledge that this reduces the lifespan of concrete and cement by 90 %, causing additional losses to producers who will have to rebuild the infrastructure within 5 to 10 years at an as yet unassessed cost?