

**Question for written answer E-015018/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: EU Invasive Species Regulation list of 'Species of EU-wide concern'

Ripples Waterlife is a business in my constituency in the West Midlands which has written to me about the EU Invasive Species Regulation (No 1143/2014). This regulation will effectively outlaw the selling of various aquatic plants, particularly tropical plants which would not survive in the wild in the West Midlands. For my constituent, this would represent a significant loss in its turnover.

Can the Commission detail which stakeholders and experts were involved in the formulation of these entries on the list of species of EU-wide concern?

Moreover, why have some species, like the water hyacinth, been classified as a species which causes concern across the EU?