

**Question for written answer E-015707/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Francesc Gambús (PPE)**

Subject: Presence of *Plegadis falcinellus* in the Ebro Delta

Birds of the species *Plegadis falcinellus* have been observed recently acting as predators of the apple snail (*gen. Pomacea*), a fact confirmed in a recent study published by SEO/Birdlife.

1. Does the Commission know of this study?
2. In light of this study, does the Commission intend to conduct an impact study of some kind on the effect the reintroduction of *Plegadis falcinellus* around the Ebro Delta could have on both the apple snail and other species present in this habitat?
3. Is the Commission aware that the Spanish Government has requested assistance under Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 for specific emergency phytosanitary measures against *Pomacea* sp. or programmes to monitor this pest?