

**Question for written answer E-001126/2016/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Habitats Directive and the Italian National Forestry Corps

The Italian Government intends to incorporate the National Forestry Corps, which is a civilian organisation and answers to the Ministry of Agricultural and Forestry Policies, into the Carabinieri, which is an armed military police force, is part of the army and answers to the Ministry of Defence.

The Forestry Corps manages the nature reserves of Circeo, Montecristo and Tarvisio, which include sites protected by the Habitats and Birds directives. With regard to these sites, the Habitats Directive stipulates that any plan or project, even indirectly connected to protected sites, should be assessed in view of the site's conservation objectives and may be authorised only if it is compatible with those objectives.

Since it does not appear that Italy has carried out an impact assessment in relation to the change of management of the above-mentioned nature reserves, which will become the responsibility of the Carabinieri, can the Commission say:

- whether it intends to include this case, too, in the EU Pilot 6730/14/ENVI procedure concerning the implementation of the Habitats Directive in Italy;
- if Italy has made such management changes for 'imperative reasons of overriding public interest', regardless of any negative environmental impact (Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive), whether it has informed the Commission of the relevant compensatory measures adopted?