

**Question for written answer E-003868/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: State of fisheries in Europe

A report published by the New Economics Foundation estimates that the European Union will become dependent on fish from other countries on 13 July. The equivalent day for Spain is today, 10 May. Commission figures suggest that the overexploitation of Mediterranean fish stocks now stands at 93%, while the corresponding figure for the Atlantic is 48%. Bearing in mind that, under the common fisheries policy, overfishing was to have been eliminated in 2015, or 2020 at the latest, can the Commission provide the following information:

1. What stage has been reached in implementing measures aimed at putting an end to overfishing in Europe?
2. Bearing in mind that bio-economic models show that the recovery of European fish stocks could provide up to 2 million tonnes more fish and create 64 000 jobs, what plans does the Commission have to achieve sustainability in European fishing?
3. Does the Commission have any specific plans aimed at the recovery of European fishing grounds in the Mediterranean?