

**Question for written answer E-008284/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Revision of the invasive alien species list

On 6 October 2016, specimens of the *Caulerpa cylindracea* seaweed, considered to be an invasive species, were found on the north coast of Catalonia off Cape Begur. The competent authorities were notified, and confirmed that this type of invasive seaweed is found in the area increasingly often, which is a concern for the conservation of the coastline's benthic habitats and marine resources.

1. What measures has the Commission taken together with the competent authorities to contain or curb the invasion?
2. Will the Commission consider adding the above species to the Commission's list of invasive alien species during the next meeting of the Committee on Invasive Alien Species?
3. Considering the proliferation of aquatic seaweed in the coastal stretch of the River Ebro, making it difficult to achieve the WFD environmental objectives and which could be eliminated by a steadier water flow, has the Commission carried out a preliminary study of the river basin management plans presented by Spain, in particular with regard to the Ebro basin?