

Question for written answer E-000740/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Raccoons and the invasive species list

1. With reference to Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species, on which of the four points listed in Article 4, paragraph 3(c) does the raccoon have an 'adverse impact'?

According to the 'Waschbärprojekt', raccoons are not hunted in either Müritz or Kellerwald National Parks, nor are their numbers restricted. In spite of this, there is no evidence that other native species are affected.

2. Is the Commission familiar with the Waschbärprojekt's work and does it take account of scientific evidence that calls its current classification of the raccoon into question?
3. In relation to Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014, Article 4, paragraph 3(d), how many such assessments have been conducted in total (on all species) and how many have concluded that action at Union level is required?