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to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Demolition works using explosive charges near the SCI (Site of Community Interest) and SPA (Special Protection Area) Stagno di Pilo and Casaraccio in Sardinia

The thermoelectric power plant at Fiume Santo covers an area of about 152 hectares in the Gulf of Asinara, near Cabu Aspru, Sassari.

The company that owns the plant has applied to make changes to the plan approved for the demolition of the chimney and boilers, and considers it appropriate to demolish these constructions by detonating explosive charges.

Although the explosions are controlled, the site affected is only 600 metres from the SCI and SPA Stagno di Pilo and Casaraccio sites, which are home to numerous species of wild birds such as bee-eaters that nest in large numbers on the eastern shores, while little tern, little grebe, mallard, coot, water rail, stone curlew, bittern, red heron and gallinule nest where the vegetation is denser. Grebes, egrets, grey herons, flamingos and large numbers of coots are also frequent visitors.

Given the proximity of the SCI and SPA areas and that the above-mentioned demolitions could cause loud explosions, can the Commission urge the Italian authorities to prevent any violation of the Habitat and Wild Bird Directives and the serious consequences for wild fauna in general and for birds?