

**Question for written answer E-005806/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Spread of the topmouth gudgeon

Originally from eastern Europe, *Pseudorasbora parva*, a fish commonly referred to as the topmouth gudgeon, carries the pathogen *Sphaerothecum destruens*, which kills off 80-90% of farmed fish when it comes into contact with them.

According to a study published in *Emerging Microbes and Infections* in 2015, the spread of the topmouth gudgeon poses a threat to all European sea fish.

With Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1141 of 13 July 2016, the Commission included the topmouth gudgeon on the list of invasive alien species of Union concern.

Does the Commission intend to set up a pan-European surveillance system for the topmouth gudgeon, and what means does it recommend for plant-health control and monitoring?