

**Question for written answer E-005856/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
Franz Obermayr (ENF)**

Subject: Are lions, leopards and giraffes migratory species?

The Commission has encouraged the Member States to support the inclusion of lions, leopards and giraffes in Appendix II of the Convention on Migratory Species and, therefore, of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention). Inclusion in Appendix II would signalise that such animals are considered to be endangered and 'migratory species'.

The migration of animals is generally understood to be a temporary, targeted and coordinated periodic mass movement of all or a large number of individuals of a species or a population.

1. What scientific basis underpins the Commission's view that lions, leopards and giraffes should be classified as 'migratory species'?
2. Are there measurements, which show that a majority of the animals described migrate in a temporary, targeted and coordinated manner?
3. Is there any data on the endangerment of these animals during their alleged migration?