

**Question for written answer E-006629/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Mass extinction of insects

Recently, the German Environment Minister stated that, since 1982, a total of 80% of insects have become extinct in Germany. Three years ago, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) found that there were 45% fewer insects, worms and similar creatures in that year compared to the 1980s in the world and, even at that time, scientists calculated that every fifth species of insects had become extinct. These results are shocking as all the more complex forms of life, and as much as 75% of the world's population, depend on insects.

Is the Commission aware of this problem and which measures does it intend to take in order to stop the trend of mass extinction of insects?