

**Question for written answer E-007809/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Casón shipwreck

The environmental association Arco Iris recently submitted a complaint to the European Environment Agency against the Government of Spain and the Xunta de Galicia. The complaint concerns an alleged infringement of EU law regarding the removal of the remains of a ship called Casón which sank off the coast of Fisterra (Galicia) 30 years ago with a cargo of chemicals on board. The association contends that the shipwreck is inside an area protected under the Natura Network and that, over time, it has become an ecologically important reef and should therefore have been subject to an environmental impact assessment before the start of the removal work.

1. Is the Commission aware of the work to remove the shipwreck?
2. Has EU law been infringed as a result of the failure to carry out an environmental impact assessment?
3. If it has not yet done so, will the Commission contact the Spanish Government and the Xunta de Galicia to gather information or take action regarding the removal of the shipwreck?