

**Question for written answer E-000498/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: State of Spanish wetlands

According to a recent analysis by SEO/Birdlife, the 74 Spanish areas protected by the Ramsar Convention are under high or very high pressure, and more than half (38) are in a poor or very poor state of conservation. The organisation cites water management and pressure from farming and urban planning as the causes which put the most pressure on wetlands.

How is the Commission monitoring the conservation of those wetlands? Has it initiated proceedings for the failure to carry out conservation work on the wetlands? If so, what are the cases and what stage are the proceedings at?