

**Question for written answer E-001000/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: International report on the state of sardine and anchovy stocks and management alternatives

As I found out this weekend from Ràdio Ciutat Tarragona¹, in 2018 an international study will be carried out to assess the state of pelagic fish stocks (namely, sardines and anchovies) and specific management alternatives in the north-west Mediterranean, an area that encompasses the coasts of Catalonia, Valencia and Murcia as well as the Gulf of Lion. The study will be led by scientists from the Spanish Institute of Marine Sciences (ICM) and the Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO), and will be funded by the European Union.

1. Does the Commission have any detailed information on the technical aspects that will be assessed in this study?
2. Does it have any information concerning the study's funding?
3. If so, will the study be funded solely by the EU or will it be co-funded by the relevant government and regional authorities?

¹ <http://rctgn.cat/estudi-cientific-peix-blau>