

**Question for written answer E-002164/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Measures that the Spanish Government should adopt to protect the Iberian lynx

The Iberian lynx, *Lynx pardinus*, is in grave danger of extinction¹ and nowadays can only be found in Spain (in two separate areas: Sierra Morena and Doñana) and, to a much lesser extent, in Portugal. In recent years, an increasing number of lynxes have been run over, and this has become a serious threat to efforts to save this unique species.

Most of the deaths were concentrated in four black spots on Spanish motorways and could have been avoided if wildlife crossings had been built on roads such as the A-4 and the N-420. The Spanish Government committed to building the crossings in 2014, but work has yet to get off the ground.

Considering that in 2017, 21 lynxes were killed on the roads and so far in 2018, 6 have been killed², measures must be taken urgently to deal with these 4 black spots, where most of the lynxes are dying.

In view of the fact that the Spanish Government has failed to take the above-mentioned measures and that the number of lynxes being killed on the roads is undermining the conservation of that species, the most threatened feline species in the world, will the Commission urge the Spanish Government to take steps to tackle this problem?

¹ <http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/biodiversidad/temas/conservacion-de-especies/especies-proteccion-especial/ce-proteccion-estr-lince.aspx>

² <http://www.europapress.es/sociedad/medio-ambiente-00647/noticia-congreso-insta-gobierno-identificar-puntos-negros-atropellos-linces-carreteras-20180220165130.html>