

**Question for written answer E-002195/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The role of the EU in the fight against pangolin trafficking

The pangolin is the most commonly poached mammal in the world. Hunted in Asia and Africa, it is generally imported illegally into Asian countries, where it is used in traditional medicine and highly sought-after for its meat.

With demand growing, trafficking continues on a massive scale and is a direct threat to the survival of the species. We urgently need to strengthen the fight against this trafficking. It would seem that the criminal networks involved are constantly able to find new ways of evading the authorities.

1. Does the EU constitute a destination or a transit route for pangolin trafficking, and, if necessary, does the Commission intend to take urgent measures to strengthen the fight against this illicit trade within the EU?
2. How does the EU use its influence on the international stage to encourage the countries of origin and destination of pangolin trafficking to strengthen the measures they take to bring demand down, end poaching and ensure the survival of the species?