

**Question for written answer E-003558/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Invasive species

The Congress of Deputies of Spain has approved final amendments in order to modify the Biodiversity law introduced by the previous Spanish Government, through which the Supreme Court's 2016 judgment preventing the hunting of breeds listed as invasive exotic species for sport was circumvented. Therefore, keeping or introducing these species would be authorised in order to satisfy economic interests, with proven damage to biodiversity.

- 1) How does the Commission view the adoption of regulations which authorise keeping or introducing invasive exotic species in order to satisfy economic interests?
- 2) Is introducing or keeping invasive exotic species compatible with EU legislation on protecting habitats and biodiversity?