

**Question for written answer E-003940/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Update on the licencing and inspection of zoos in Greece

Council Directive 1999/22/EC on the keeping of wild animals in zoos aims to strengthen the role of zoos in the conservation of biodiversity. It calls on Member States to adopt measures for the licensing and inspection of zoos in order to ensure that zoos respect certain conservation and protection measures, including appropriate accommodation for animals. Member States are responsible for applying the provisions of the Zoos Directive and ensuring their necessary enforcement.

The Commission carried out a Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT) evaluation of the directive which was finalised in July 2017. The publication of the Commission staff working document on the results of the evaluation is planned for the third quarter of 2018.

In the light of the mandatory obligations contained in the Zoos Directive, and given the recent study, is the Commission aware of any progress made by the Greek Government to improve the enforcement of the directive and to ensure, in particular, the licencing and inspection of zoos?