

**Question for written answer P-012093/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Spread of the apple snail to other geographical areas

The European Food Safety Authority has warned of the medium- and long-term risks that the presence of the apple snail in the Ebro delta poses for the rest of Europe, owing to the danger that it could spread. It was first found in the delta in 2009, and this week it has also been detected in the rice fields of Empordà. Further to the answer to question E-001950/2015 on the risk of the apple snail spreading to other areas, can the Commission now answer the following questions:

- Is the Commission aware of this new case?
- Will the Commission review its position on eradicating the apple snail in the Ebro delta in the light of the current situation?
- Does the Commission now have the outcome of the review of Decision 697/2012/EU on measures to combat the apple snail, scheduled for the end of February 2015?