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Subject: Yet another disaster in Campania: destruction of the Vesuvius National Park

On 11 July 2017, a fire which had been started deliberately destroyed at least 50 hectares of the Vesuvius National Park (a green zone of national and Community importance and a MAB-UNESCO biosphere reserve), demonstrating yet again that Campania, which is already being despoiled by toxic fires and illegal landfills, is not being adequately monitored, and that alert systems are inadequate.

The conservation of natural biodiversity in these places is guaranteed by local, national and European legislation; this legislation is not being complied with or is simply being breached. The funds that would be needed for rigorous monitoring and effective measures are evidently reserved for other priorities.

The disbandment of the State Forestry Corps in January 2017 has further aggravated the situation, further reducing the already minimal resources allocated to environmental monitoring.

Have the local authorities fulfilled the management criteria laid down in the Habitats and Wild Birds Directives for SCIs and SPAs?

What action have Italy's authorities taken and communicated to the EU to safeguard the park against fire risks?

Have the periodic reports under the Habitats Directive indicated critical problems relating to land conservation measures and compliance with the Directive?