

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1428/03

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to the Commission

Subject: Urban development plans in Pinya de Rosa (Blanes, Catalonia)

The Pinya de Rosa estate, the last undeveloped nature area on the coastal strip (with 1 400 metres of coastline) in the Blanes municipal district, includes the Pinya de Rosa Tropical Gardens (with 700 species), a 60-year-old mixed wood of holm oaks and pines, a rocky coastline in a perfect state of conservation and richly diverse flora and fauna on the sea bed and along the shore.

The proposal for a European Parliament and Council recommendation for Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Europe recommends drawing up national strategies to protect the severely threatened coastal environment, particularly on the Mediterranean coast.

There have since 1994 been determined efforts by certain groups of investors to develop this nature area, which would mean that the whole of the sea-front of Blanes would become man-made.

In view of all the above, and if as seems likely this development plan goes ahead, does the Commission not agree that this would affect various directives, including:

- 85/337/EEC<sup>1</sup>, as amended by 97/11/EC<sup>2</sup>, on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment;
- 92/43/EEC<sup>3</sup> on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 175, 5.7.1985, p. 40.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 73, 14.3.1997, p. 5.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.