

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0579/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: Vasova lagoon

Further to my written question E-1307/02<sup>1</sup> on fuel storage tank installations in Vasova lagoon, I should like to provide the Commission with the following latest information in order to facilitate its investigations. Vasova lagoon, which forms part of the Delta of the river Nestos and the Keramoti lagoon, was put forward by Greece under code GR 1150010 as a site of Community interest pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC<sup>2</sup>. However, instead of the whole lagoon being included in the National Park of Eastern Macedonia-Thrace and being protected as an integral part of the ecosystem of the Nestos Delta, it is being totally excluded from the protection areas, even formally. Moreover, the area earmarked for the storage tank installations has now been increased sixfold and is being excluded from the National Park, contrary to the provisions of the Park's founding act in 1996.

Given that Community legislation on the conservation of natural habitats and wild fauna and flora is being flagrantly violated in this case, will the Commission investigate on the basis of which national or Community legislation the Greek Ministry for the Environment, Regional Planning and Public Works is excluding the lagoon in question from the environmental protection to which it is entitled?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 301 E, 5.12.2002, p. 119

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p.7