

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3904/05
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to the Commission

Subject: Management of the European eel

The price of glass eels for on-growing and restocking has risen sharply in recent years, in particular owing to growing demand from China. The result is a high price for glass eels and, therefore, more intensive fishery.

The outcome of this situation is the elimination of the very foundation for the next generation of eels. The Commission's proposal - COM(2005) 0472 - refers to the WTO rules. It appears that the issue is being side-stepped rather than the problem tackled at the root.

What initiatives will the Commission take in regard to the massive exports of glass eels to China?

What initiatives does the Commission envisage in respect of the restocking of glass eels for the conservation of future generations of the European eel?