

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0838/07

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Subject: Pollution of a protected area

The spillage by the Sierra Nava in Algeciras Bay could cause an environmental disaster in areas protected by the Natura 2000 network.

Directive 92/43/EEC¹ on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora requires Member States to establish conservation measures for protected areas, including management plans and other measures specifically designed for the protected sites. Member States must also prevent the deterioration of natural habitats and the habitats of species.

The spill could affect Site of Community Importance ES 6120012, known as the Frente Litoral del Estrecho de Gibraltar. What steps will the Commission take to prevent irreparable environmental damage?

¹ OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.