

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5330/08
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to the Commission

Subject: 'Habitat' Directive (92/43/EC)

1. Will the Commission say how it intends to respond to the decisions of the Tuscany Regional Council No 342 of 10 November 1998, No 6 of 21 January 2004 and No 923 of 11 December 2006, identifying and delimiting 120 sites to be classified as sites of Community interest (SCI) and in particular the site known as 'Crete dell'Orcia e del Formone', which covers an area of 8351 hectares, of which 5229 hectares fall within the municipality of Radicofani alone?
2. Is the Commission aware that the site in question consists of arable land and artificial woodland and is thus of little natural interest, together with eroded and stony land used solely as pasture for sheep?
3. Does the Commission not think it should inspect the sites in question in response to the concerns of the farmers and landowners who would be irresponsibly deprived of their sole source of income, with no benefit whatsoever to the environment?