

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2314/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Seabird action plan

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) recently agreed a ground-breaking set of best-practice guidelines to reduce the accidental deaths of seabirds in fisheries. The new guidelines extend the scope of the FAO's seabird action plan from just longline fisheries to also include trawling gear and gill-nets.

Will the Commission take steps to implement and enforce this best practice across the European Union via a new seabird action plan?