

**Question for written answer E-012086/2011  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Hunting in the Danube Delta

The local authorities responsible for the Danube Delta in Romania – specifically, the Committee for Public Administration at the Ministry of the Environment and the Tulcea County Council – have decided to reintroduce hunting in the Danube Delta.

The officials supporting the resumption of hunting in the region claim that sport hunting is a 'traditional economic activity' in the Danube Delta and should therefore be reinstated within the Administration of the Reservation of the Biosphere Danube Delta (RBDD).

Sport hunting represents one of the most invasive and destructive practices in the Danube Delta and threatens populations of birds and mammals, food chains and biodiversity in the RBDD.

1. Is the Commission aware of the intention to reintroduce hunting in the Danube Delta?
2. Does the Commission consider the above-mentioned policy to be consistent with protection measures for the region?
3. Will the Commission engage in better protection of the Danube Delta?