

**Question for written answer E-007076/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Overfishing of cephalopods

In light of the recently published reports concerning the supposed overfishing of cephalopods in Mauritania:

Does the Commission agree that cephalopod stocks are being overfished?

In light of the recent scientific studies into the supposed scarcity of octopus stocks, does the Commission see any justification for excluding the EU's cephalopod fleet from the Fishing Protocol with Mauritania?

Does the Commission intend to take action to address this issue?