

**Question for written answer E-004008/2014  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Identification of dolphins in the European Union

To date, no official European Union database has been set up to monitor the importing and exporting of dolphins into and out of the EU and their internal movements within the EU. As a result, it is not possible to ascertain the true nature of these movements, and their traceability is therefore called into question.

1. In light of the above, would the Commission consider suggesting that such an official European database should be set up?
2. Would it consider recommending that dolphins and other cetaceans should be identified using genetic methods, as has already been provided for by an Italian national law passed in 2001, to give one example?