

Question for written answer E-000858/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Protected status of the wolf

The current proposed coalition agreement between the CDU, CSU and SPD in Germany makes its position clear as regards the possible shooting of wolves in Germany. The text of the agreement states that, in dealing with wolves, people's safety must always come first. The European Commission would be called on to review the protected status of the wolf depending on its conservation status in order to bring about the necessary reduction in the population. The German Government would adopt appropriate criteria for shooting the animals. Wolves that have breached pasture fences or become dangerous for humans would have to be removed.

1. Is the Commission planning to change the protection status of the wolf, so as to make it easier to shoot wolves deemed to be problematic?
2. As of what wolf population size would the Commission consider moving the wolf from Annex IV to Annex V of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)?

Does the Commission already have any scientific data on the culling of wolves?