

**Question for written answer E-001257/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Violation of the Directive on the conservation of wild birds in the Mediterranean

Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds relates to the protection of all kinds of naturally occurring wild birds in the EU. According to Birdlife International, however, some 25 million wild birds are being killed every year in the Mediterranean (Italy, Cyprus, Greece, France, Croatia, etc.) – and most of them illegally. The birds are being shot or caught in nets, glue or various traps, mostly for the purposes of cage farming, food or entertainment. One example is the recent case in Calabria, where a four-person gang was arrested for organising the illegal hunting of birds. A haul of 3125 dead birds was confiscated.

Is the Commission aware of the situation?

What specific action is it planning to take to tackle the issue and ensure compliance with the Directive on the conservation of wild birds in the EU?