

**Question for written answer E-005615/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: The problem of eucalyptus trees in Laracha (A Coruña)

The woodlands around Pazo, Soandres and the river Acheiro in the Municipality of Laracha (A Coruña), provide a habitat for species such as the gold-striped salamander – also known as the pintega rabilonga (*Chioglossa lusitanica*) – and the Quimper snail (*Elona Quimperiana*), which are protected under the Berne Convention and the EU Habitats Directive.

The planting of eucalyptus and planned felling in these forests constitute a danger to the survival of these species, which are becoming increasingly rare in the EU and which require deciduous forests and clean water to live.

Does the Commission not consider that the planting of eucalyptus and the felling of forests are incompatible with the preservation of the above-mentioned natural habitats for wild flora and fauna?

What measures are local authorities, the Autonomous Government of Galicia and the State required to take to protect these spaces and species?

Given that the 1992 forestry plan of the Xunta de Galicia provided for a maximum of 245 000 hectares of eucalyptus by 2032 and that eucalyptus already covers some 500 000 hectares in Galicia, how does the Commission view the situation and what action does it recommend to protect native species and prevent the spread of eucalyptus in Galicia?