

**Question for written answer E-003650/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Anti-extinction plan for European tree species

A study by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, published in Switzerland on 29 September, highlights the serious threat affecting 58% of Europe's native tree species as a result of the introduction of non-European species, fires, tourism and the pressure of urban activities. The study assessed the health of 454 native species and found that in some regions up to 42% are endangered. Some 58% of species only found in Europe are under serious threat and 15% are at serious risk of extinction. This data has been included in the European Red List of Threatened Species published by the European Commission.

Given the results of this study:

1. Will the Commission take action to tackle this problem?
2. Are there plans to strengthen the provisions of the LIFE programme to help protect threatened biodiversity?
3. Are there plans to coordinate the efforts of all levels of government responsible for forestry?