

**Question for written answer E-000424/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Ban on hunting endangered species

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) bans all trade of more than 1 000 plant and animal species considered in danger of extinction. These species are listed in Annex 1 to the Convention. Until very recently, as a recreational and 'non-commercial' sport, trophy hunting of endangered animals such as rhinoceroses and elephants escaped the ban ¹.

On 19 November 2019, a CITES study revealed that more than 3 000 sea turtles and 91 000 turtle eggs had been illegally traded between 2015 and July 2019 ².

Does the Commission support banning the hunting of endangered species or does it side with supporters of permit-based hunting?

What is the current legal state of play with regarding to hunting trophies?

¹ https://www.huffingtonpost.fr/entry/trophee-chasse-interdiction-especies-menacees_fr_5d5a402ee4b056fafd0e07d5; <https://www.rtl.fr/actu/international/chasse-a-l-elephant-les-excuses-de-juan-carlos-7746862552>; <http://www.leparisien.fr/societe/des-deputes-europeens-demandent-l-interdiction-de-la-chasse-aux-trophees-pour-les-especies-menacees-18-08-2019-8135412.php>

² https://www.cites.org/eng/news/new_study_finds_illegal_trade_in_marine_turtles_persisting_in_Indonesia_Malaysia_VietNam_19112019