

**Question for written answer E-000648/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Habitat conservation risk for the 'Isola di Dino' (Dino Island) SCI/SAC IT9310034 area in Praia a Mare

Dino Island, the largest, most significant island of Calabria, is currently privately owned in addition to being a site of Community interest (SCI) and special area of conservation (SAC). It has, however, for many years, also been in a state of utter neglect and decay.

More specifically, the area is highly vulnerable from an environmental point of view owing to the presence of a substantial amount of waste of various kinds (including vehicle carcasses), which has simply been dumped on the island.

Another thing which is jeopardising the proper conservation of the SCI is the presence of hazardous materials such as Eternit asbestos, tar, paints and oils that are seriously harming the island's habitats.

Last but not least is the conservation status of Habitat 1170 ('Scogliere') owing to the presence of concrete paving slabs, remains of swimming pools, building rubble, sumps and a variety of dumped items.

In view of the above, and considering the protection and conservation objectives relating to the habitats and species provided for in Directive 92/43/EEC, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Will it call on the authorities responsible, first and foremost the Calabria Region, to carry out an urgent inspection and issue precise instructions to the Municipality of Praia a Mare to ensure that an appropriate plan is drawn up with a view to cleaning up and removing the waste from the 'Isola di Dino' (Dino Island) area SCI/SAC IT9310034?
2. Will it call on the authorities responsible to implement, fully and comprehensively, the relevant conservation measures for the SCI/SAC areas approved by the Calabria Region in 2016?