

**Question for written answer E-006081/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: The quality of monitoring and assessment of the conservation status under the Habitats Directive

The reports on Article 12 of the Birds Directive and Article 17 of the Habitats Directive are the basis for evaluating the implementation of those two directives and for planning future conservation measures and respective funding. Unfortunately, some of the national reports from the last two reporting periods were criticised for the lack of real long-term field studies. Were the Commission to issue a guide on how best to implement Article 11 of the Habitats Directive, with suggested minimum standards for surveillance, it could significantly improve the quality of monitoring and assessment of the conservation status of species and habitats.

How is the Commission going to ensure that reporting will be based on similar science-based methodologies and permanent, reliable field monitoring?