

**Question for written answer E-006635/2020  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Ecosystem emergency in the south-west Caribbean

A partnership between scientific and cultural organisations known as Gran Seaflower<sup>1</sup> warned on 12 October 2020 that the world's third-largest coral reef, which stretches out over Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua and Panama, is deteriorating dangerously.

This biological system has shrunk by over 50% in less than four decades due to human impact, and the situation is getting worse each year.

The ecosystem emergency in the south-west Caribbean is devastating families and communities living in the region, which could affect life across the globe.

1. To date, how has the Commission cooperated with governments and civil society organisations in the region on environmental action?
2. Will the Commission join the intergovernmental and inter-regional dialogue with south-western Caribbean countries?
3. In what way and to what extent can the Commission contribute to the conclusion of the agreement proposed by the Gran Seaflower initiative?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://granseaflower.com>