

**Question for written answer E-001787/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Protection of Vegoritida Natura lakeside site

As a consequence of the environmental phenomenon of constant water level fluctuations, in the last month approximately 35 stremmas (3.5 ha) of reeds have been burned in the coastal area of Vegoritida, a Natura 2000 network protected site.

Specifically, the fluctuations in level, combined with the excessive abstraction of water from boreholes in the Vegoritida basin, make it particularly difficult to distinguish the boundary between crop land and lake, putting protected species at risk.

In view of this:

1. What information does the Commission have on the protective measures being implemented in the protected site of Vegoritida? In its view, how successful are they?
2. Are there funding instruments that Greece could use for water management and to maintain protected species in those areas where water levels are in constant decline?