## Question for written answer E-002395/2021 to the Commission Rule 138 Ivo Hristov (S&D)

Subject: Establishment of fish stock recovery areas in EU waters

Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, and in particular Article 8 thereof, provides for the establishment of fish stock recovery areas. In such areas, fishing activities may be restricted or prohibited in order to contribute to the conservation of living aquatic resources and marine ecosystems.

- 1. Can the European Commission confirm if any of these fish stock recovery areas have already been established in EU waters?
- 2. If no such areas have been established, does the European Commission have any information as to whether or not the Member States have taken steps to establish such areas or have expressed their intention to take such steps?