

Question for written answer E-002735/2021
to the Commission
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Subject: Life on and under water

Life on and under water is vital for the maritime economy. The sea is a protective natural environment and a source of raw materials, food and energy. Only if the sea is a clean ecosystem can it be of use to humans. It is therefore important to see the protection and exploitation of the seas as equal obligations and to approach and resolve conflicts and competition for space in a decisive way. The Union has a responsibility to the world to ensure that fishing, for example, is carried out sustainably and in conditions which comply with human rights standards. The European Union must advocate for sustainable fishing through international cooperation with other countries.

1. What action will the Commission take to end the use of so-called flags of convenience by fishing vessels in the fish and seafood supply chains?
2. What action will the Commission take in the course of the revision of the EU Fisheries Control Regulation?
3. Will the Commission introduce a comprehensive high level of traceability for both imported fresh fish and processed or preserved fishery products to ensure a level playing field for fisheries from non-EU countries and EU fisheries, including in the area of bolstering human rights?