

Question for written answer E-000525/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Protection of wetlands under the Ramsar Convention

The SEO/BirdLife report on the Spanish Ramsar wetlands, published on 2 February 2022, draws attention to the poor condition of Spain's wetlands. All the wetlands that have been assessed are under great pressure from threats ranging from poor water and agricultural management, to climate-related factors such as droughts and flooding or man-made pollution. As a signatory organisation to the Ramsar Convention, the EU has committed to protecting and conserving these fragile ecosystems and their biodiversity.

In light of the above:

1. Which parts of the Habitats Directive are not being adequately enforced?
2. Why does the inclusion of these wetlands in the Natura 2000 network appear to be an insufficient measure?
3. What urgent measures will be taken to intervene in the rapid deterioration of wetlands such as the Doñana, the Mar Menor, the Valencia Albufera and the Ebro Delta?