

**Question for written answer E-001059/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Scientific reports on limiting bottom trawling

In his reply, on behalf of the Commission, to Parliamentary Question E-000475/2021 of 27 April 2021, Commissioner Sinkevičius stated that trawling is currently 'the most damaging activity to (the) seabed'¹.

The Commission is also drafting a new 'action plan to conserve fisheries resources and protect marine ecosystems'.

In view of the above:

1. What scientific reports does the Commission have to corroborate this statement?
2. Will the Commission propose measures to limit the use of bottom trawling fishing gear in that plan? If so, can the Commission provide the scientific reports it is using to draft the action plan?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-000475-ASW_EN.html