

**Question for written answer E-001745/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protected green turtles killed for their meat

The green turtle (*Chelonia Mydas*) is a marine turtle found in tropical and temperate waters around the globe. It is a migratory species which lives in shallow waters or close to the beaches it reaches during the breeding season. Each year, between 3 000 and 4 000 green turtles reach the shores of Mayotte where they are killed by a large number of poachers. The turtles' meat is then sold to wealthy customers – it may be pointless, but it's big business.

Although the green turtle is protected by the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, it is now endangered as the poachers kill the turtles before they have laid their eggs, killing their offspring before they have had a chance to hatch. In 2016, the EU brought forward its action plan against wildlife trafficking, an ambitious plan built around three priorities (prevention, crackdown and cooperation), the aim of which was to put an end to the poaching and trafficking of protected species

In light of this, could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. With this phenomenon on the increase, how does the Commission intend to put an end to the poaching of protected species?
2. Does the Commission intend to provide Member States with financial and logistical support?
3. What are the results of the action plan?