

**Question for written answer E-002566/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Frogs are being eaten to extinction in the EU

The 'Deadly Dish' report recently published by the German association Pro Wildlife and the French NGORobin des Bois revealed that EU imports of frogs' legs are endangering frogs in both Asia and Eastern Europe.

Every year, 4 000 tonnes of frogs' legs (between 81 and 200 million frogs) are imported from Indonesia, Turkey and Albania. This excessive consumption has an impact on both biodiversity and ecosystem health. Being insectivores, frogs have traditionally eaten the insects that are now increasingly dealt with using pesticides. This too puts frogs at risk of extinction.

Frog poaching is also on the increase in response to ever-growing demand, and the penalties in place against poaching are disregarded.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to call on Member States to ensure effective traceability of imported frogs' legs with a view to reducing poaching?
2. Does it intend to limit imports of frogs' legs from third countries to prevent the species from becoming extinct and to encourage frog farming within the EU?