

**Question for written answer E-003863/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
**Sabrina Pignedoli (NI)**

**Subject:** Possible infringement of the Habitats Directive in Trentino

The Lake Idro biotope (a special protection area and special area of conservation under the Habitats Directive) has been subjected to forced water withdrawal, bringing the basin levels below the minimum threshold. In Question 3888/XVI (16 August 2022), the Province of Trento was asked to carry out an investigation to determine if Directive 92/43/EEC had been infringed, and to apply any applicable penalties and report the incident to the judicial authorities. The Province acknowledged that it had carried out further investigations but had not based them on minimum management standards. It said that the forced water withdrawal had not resulted in any specific deterioration and 'given that the regulatory framework had not yet been fully clarified (not even by the relevant national bodies)', there was no evidence that a report to the judicial authorities was warranted. It also appears that the Province of Trento has not carried out any environmental impact assessment in that area.

In light of the above:

1. Can the Commission ascertain whether the Italian and Province of Trento rules comply with the EU directives on natural habitats?
2. Does the Commission believe that the Province of Trento carries out proper checks on the areas protected by the EU directives on natural habitats?

Submitted: 29.11.2022