

**Question for written answer E-000561/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: 'Mers Celtiques – Talus du golfe de Gascogne' marine protected areas

The 'Mers Celtiques – Talus du golfe de Gascogne' marine protected areas (FR5302015 under the Birds Directive and FR5212016 under the Habitats Directive) cover porpoises and dolphins as well as birds.

Does the Commission have any scientific evidence to justify the ban on the necessary bottom trawling in these marine protected areas (FR5302015 – 'Mers Celtiques – Talus du golfe de Gascogne') in order to achieve the conservation goals laid down for them?

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