

**Question for written answer E-001339/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Classification of trawling

In EU fishing waters, there are different techniques and gear for bottom trawling. The effects on, and repercussions for, the marine environment are therefore also different. For example, the new LIT technique, or Low-Impact Trawling, has little impact on the environment and uses little fuel.

In the light of that:

Rather than continuing to use the same term, does the Commission have any plans to introduce classifications that better match the different trawling techniques and their impact?

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